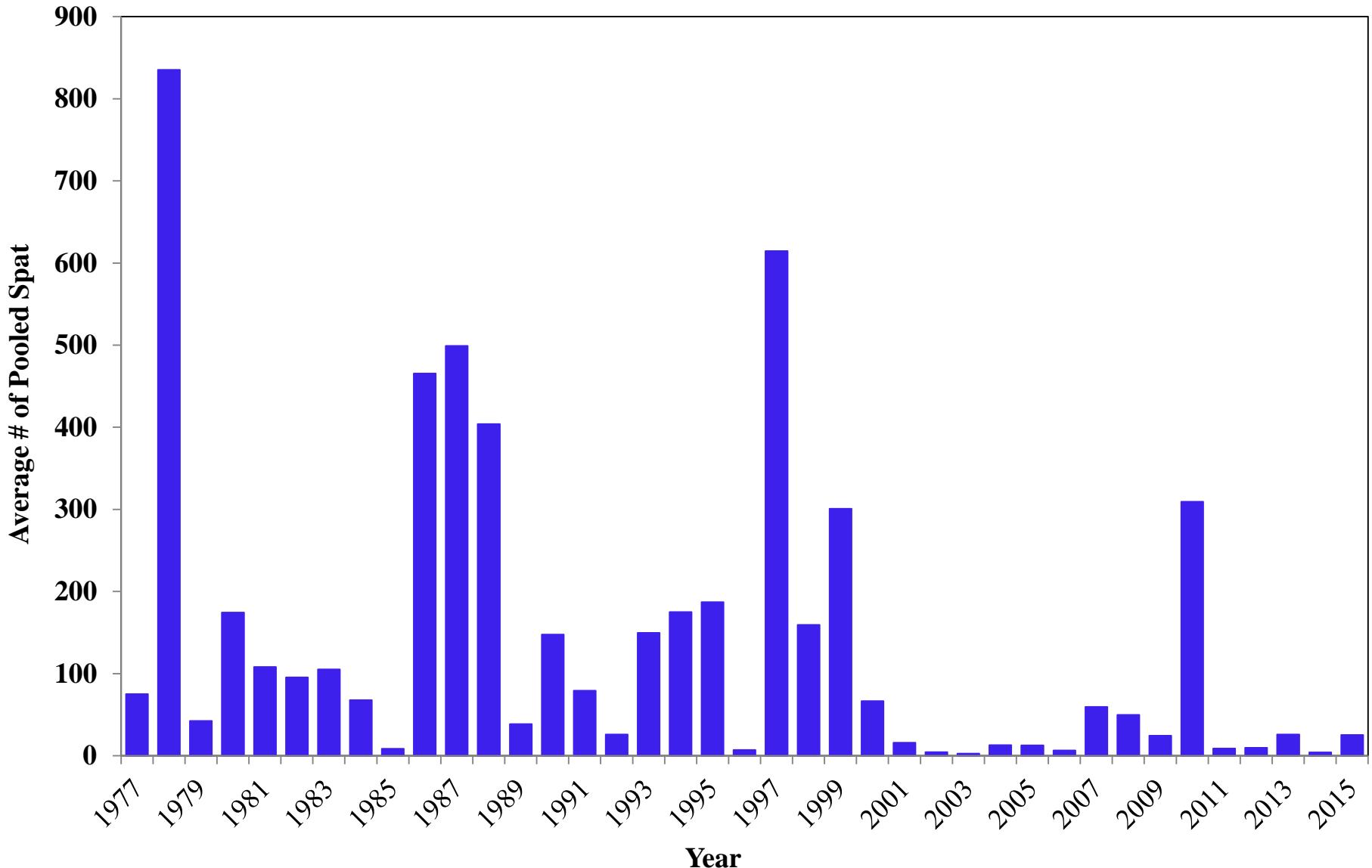


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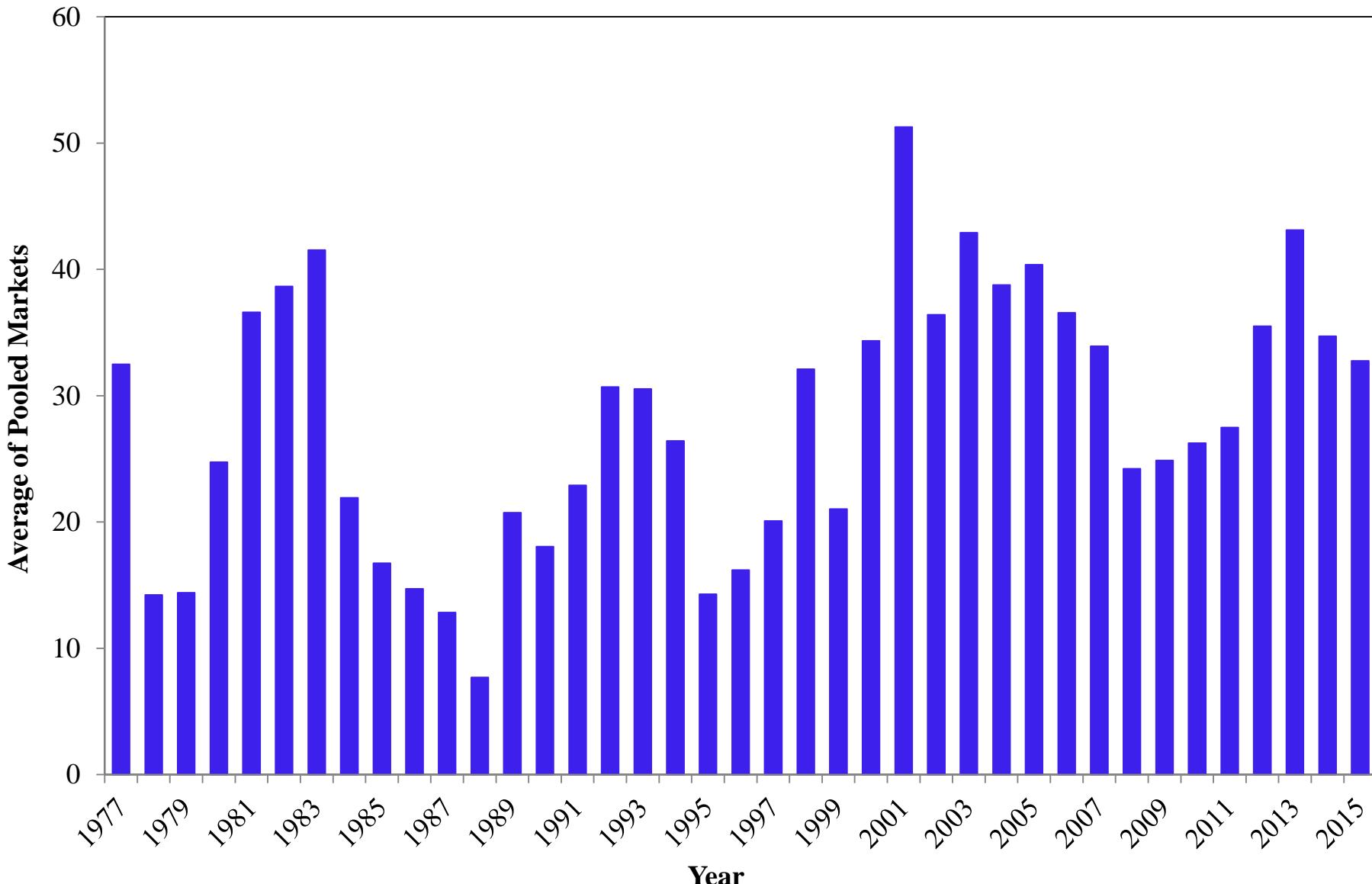


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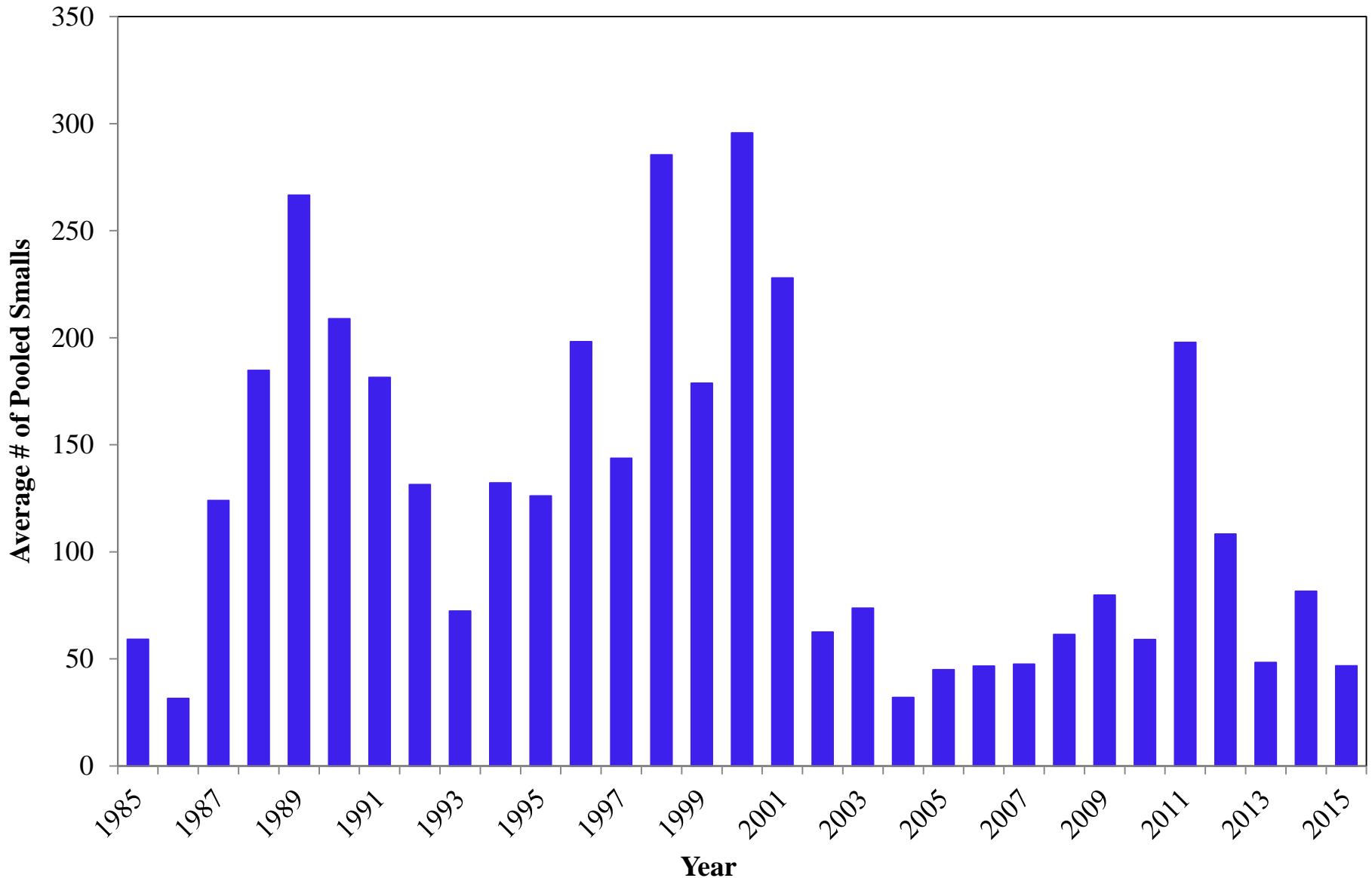
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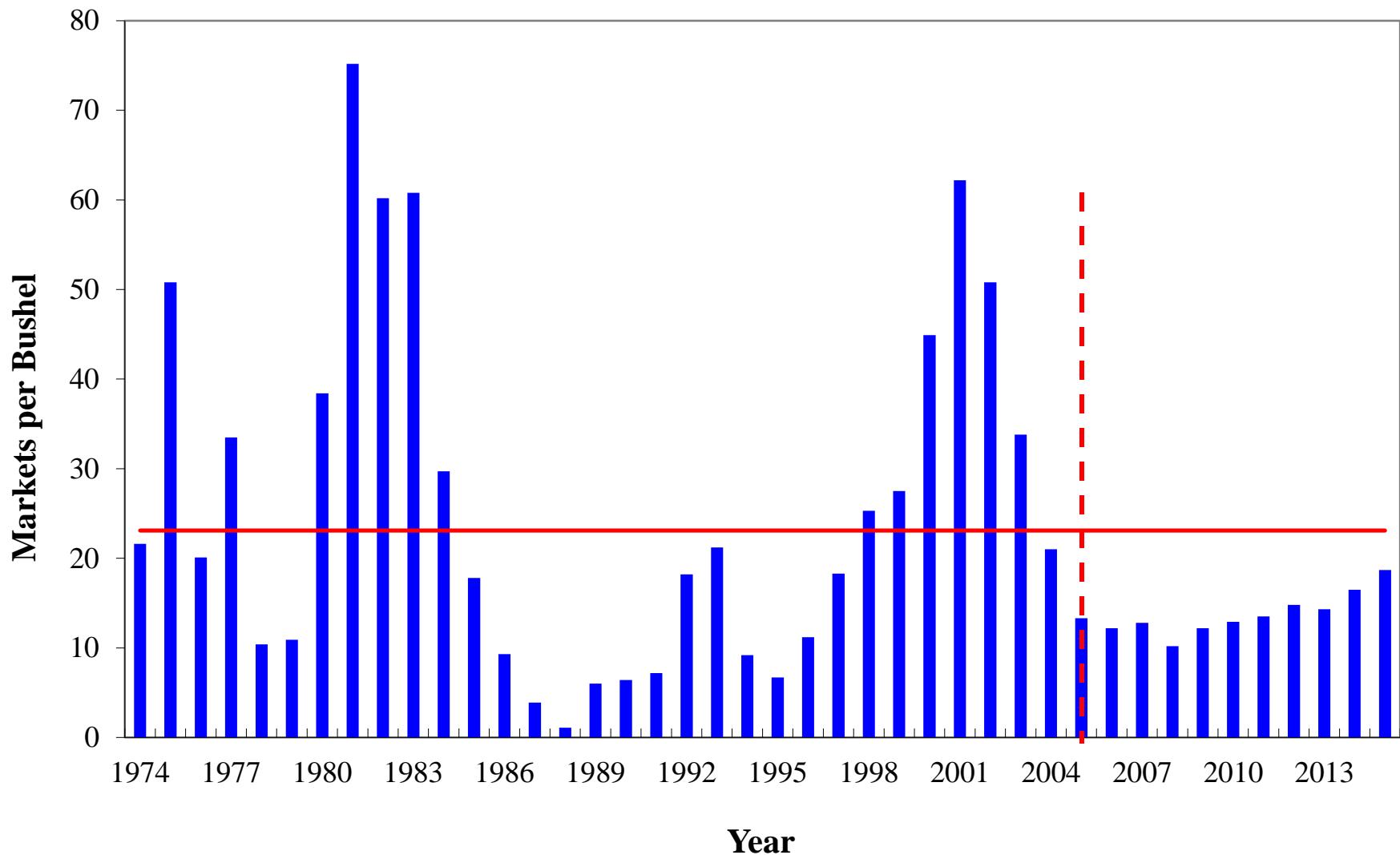
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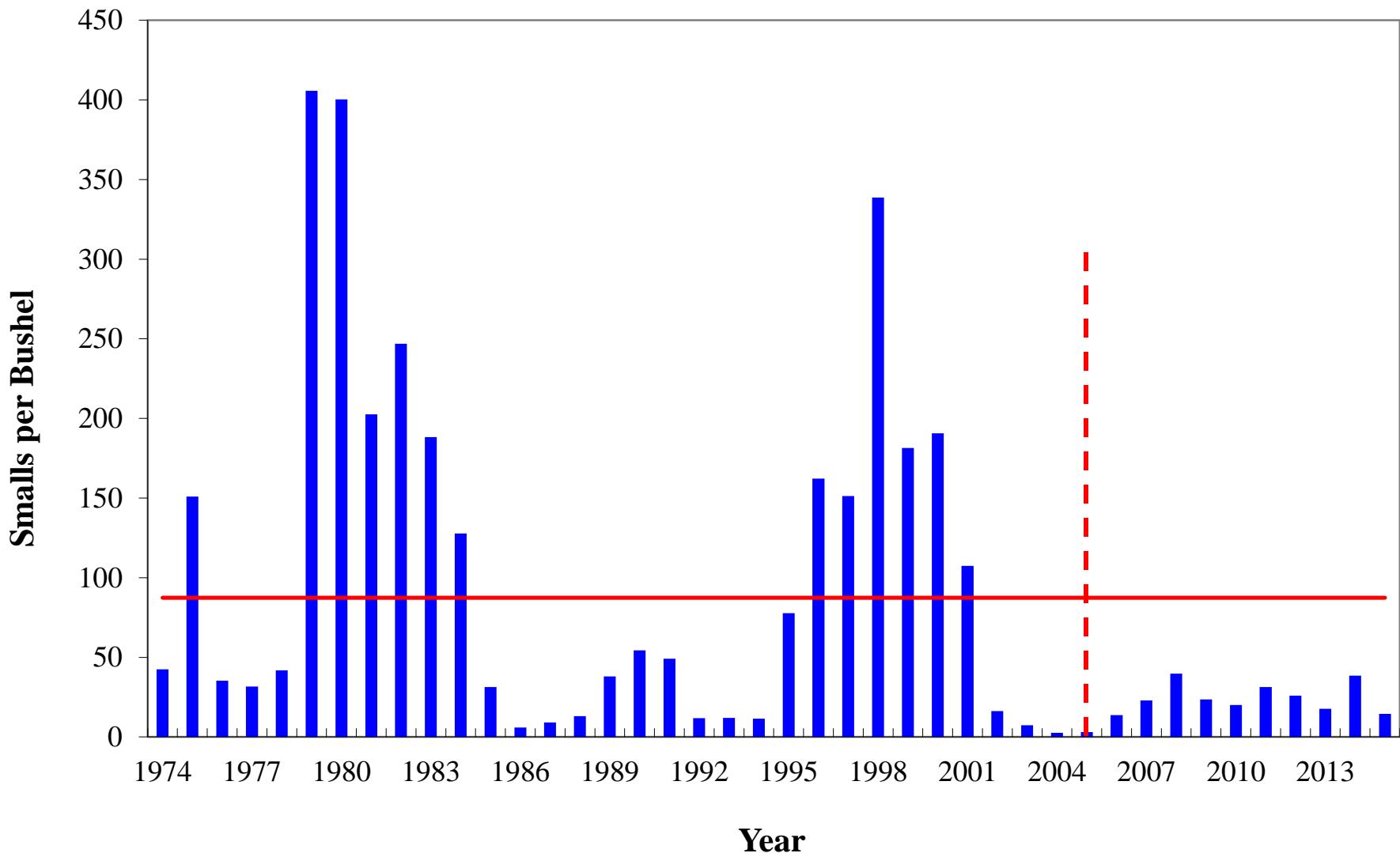
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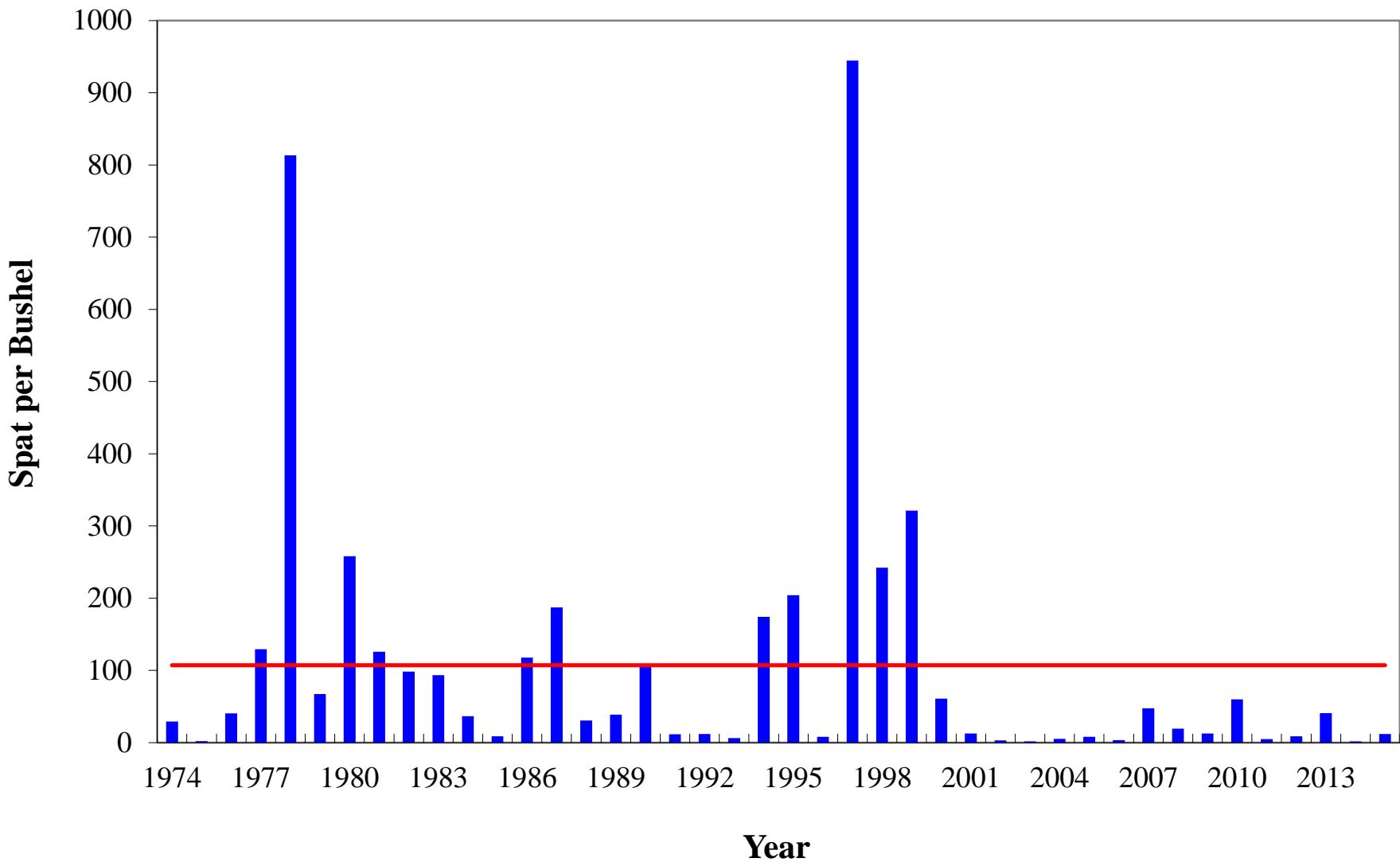
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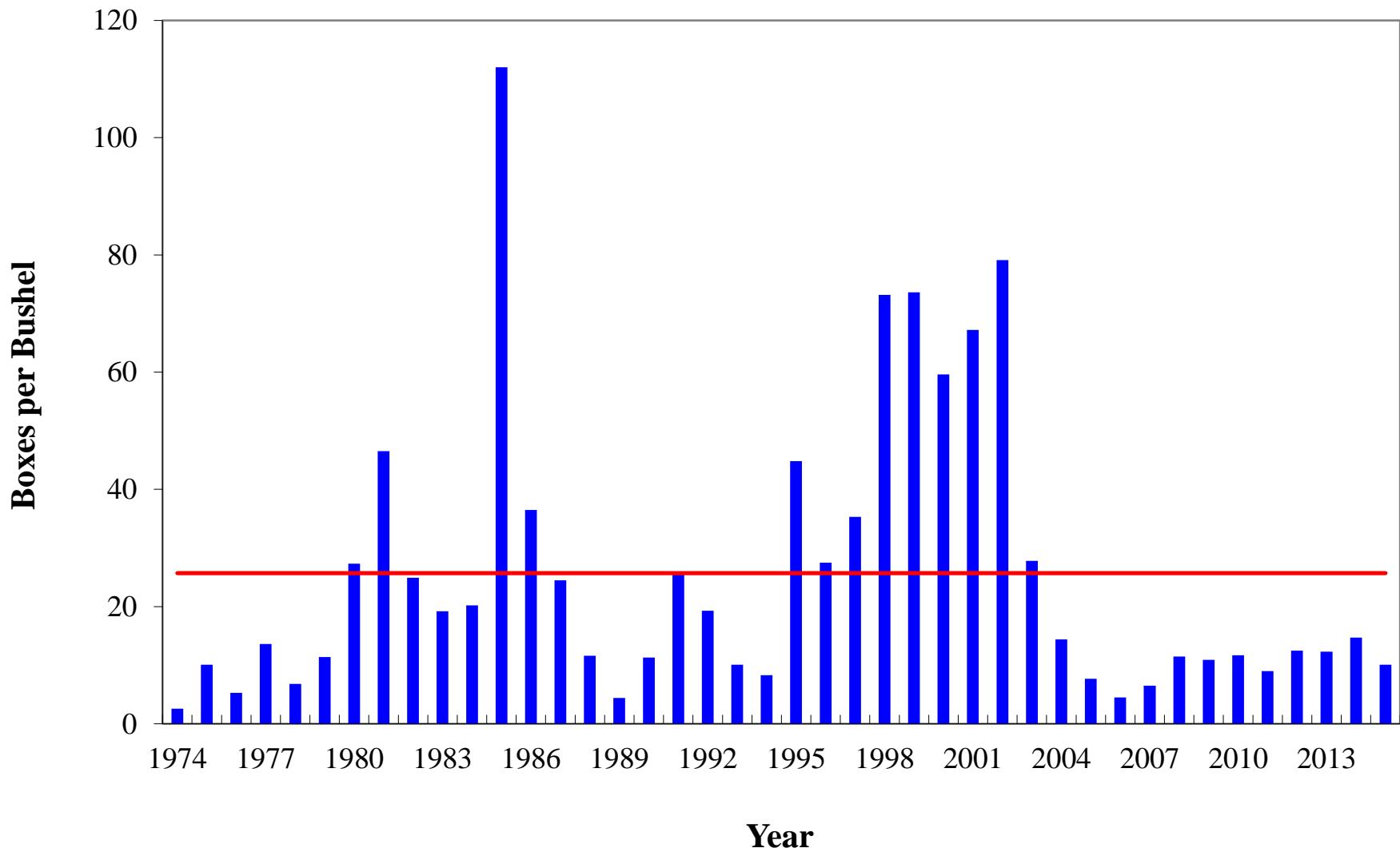
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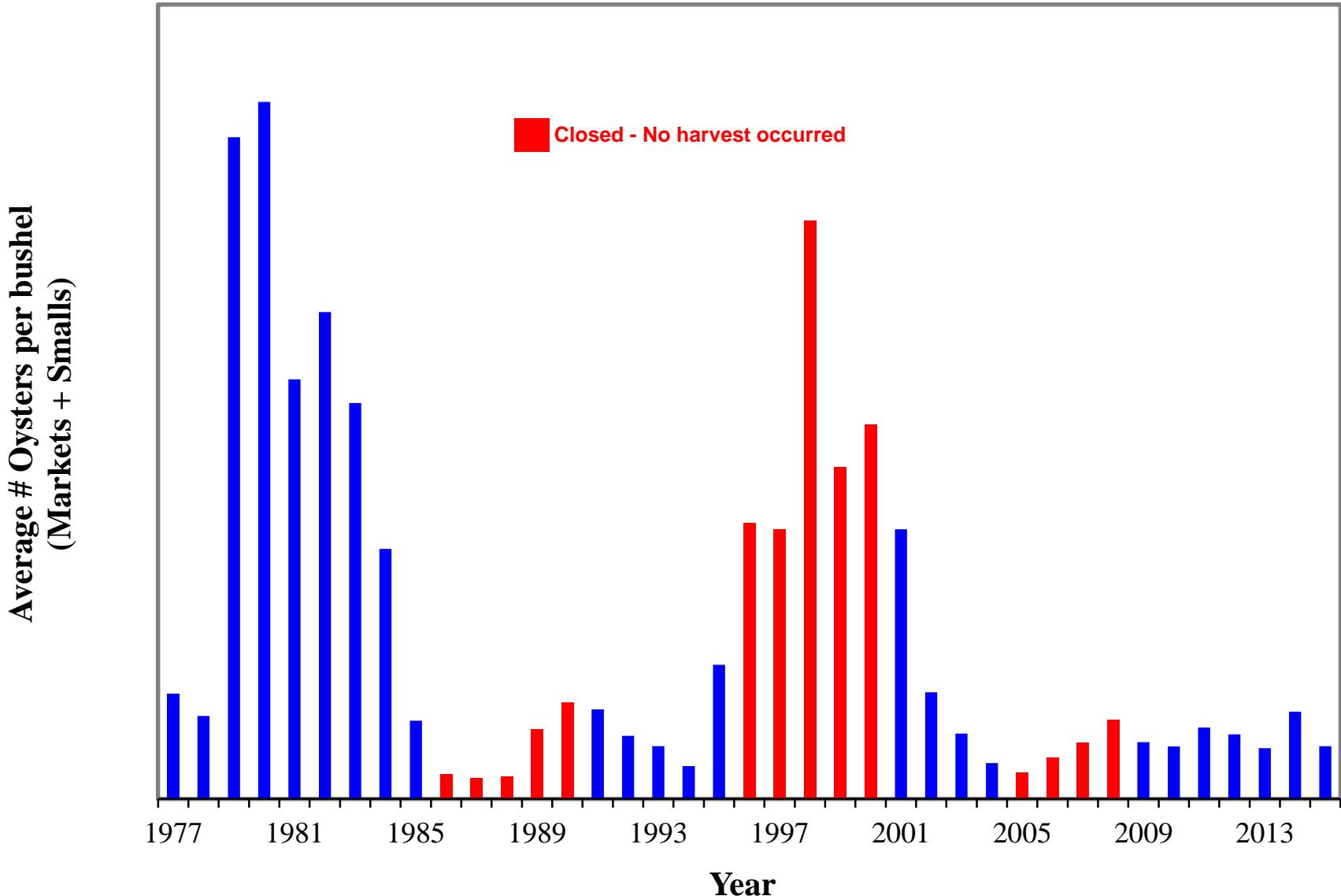
# Ridge Spat per Bushel



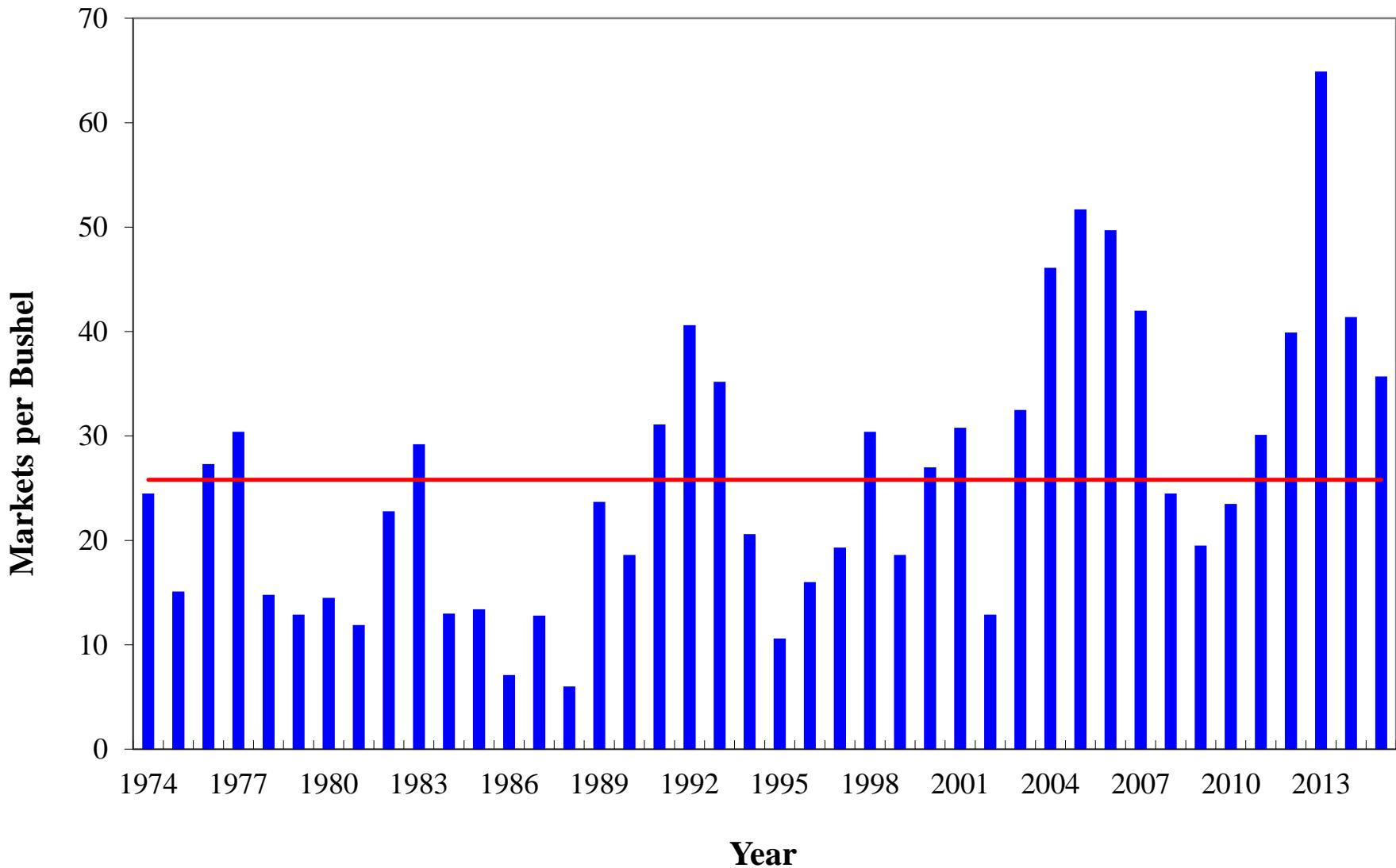
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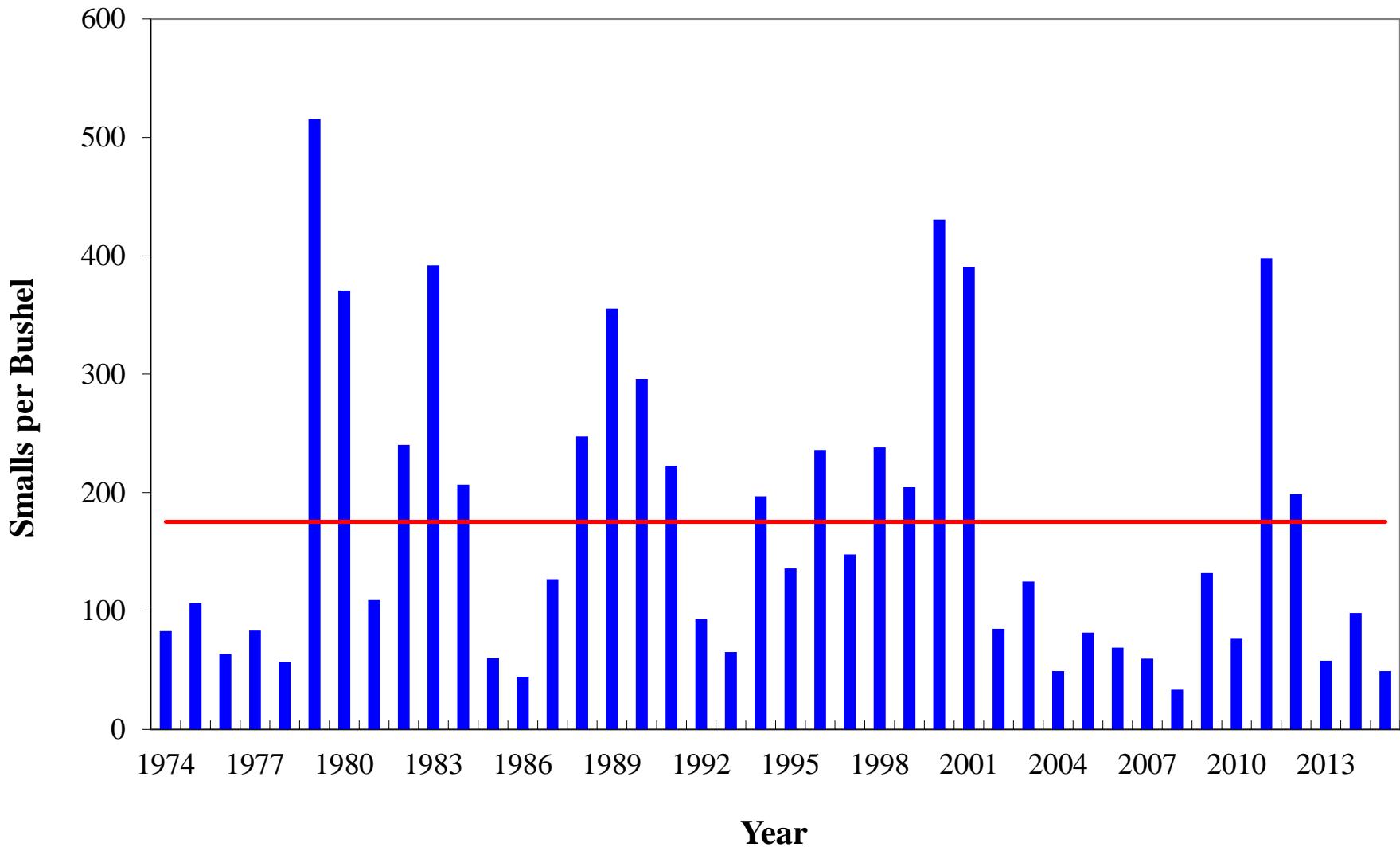
# Average Number of Oysters on the Ridge (Markets + Smalls)



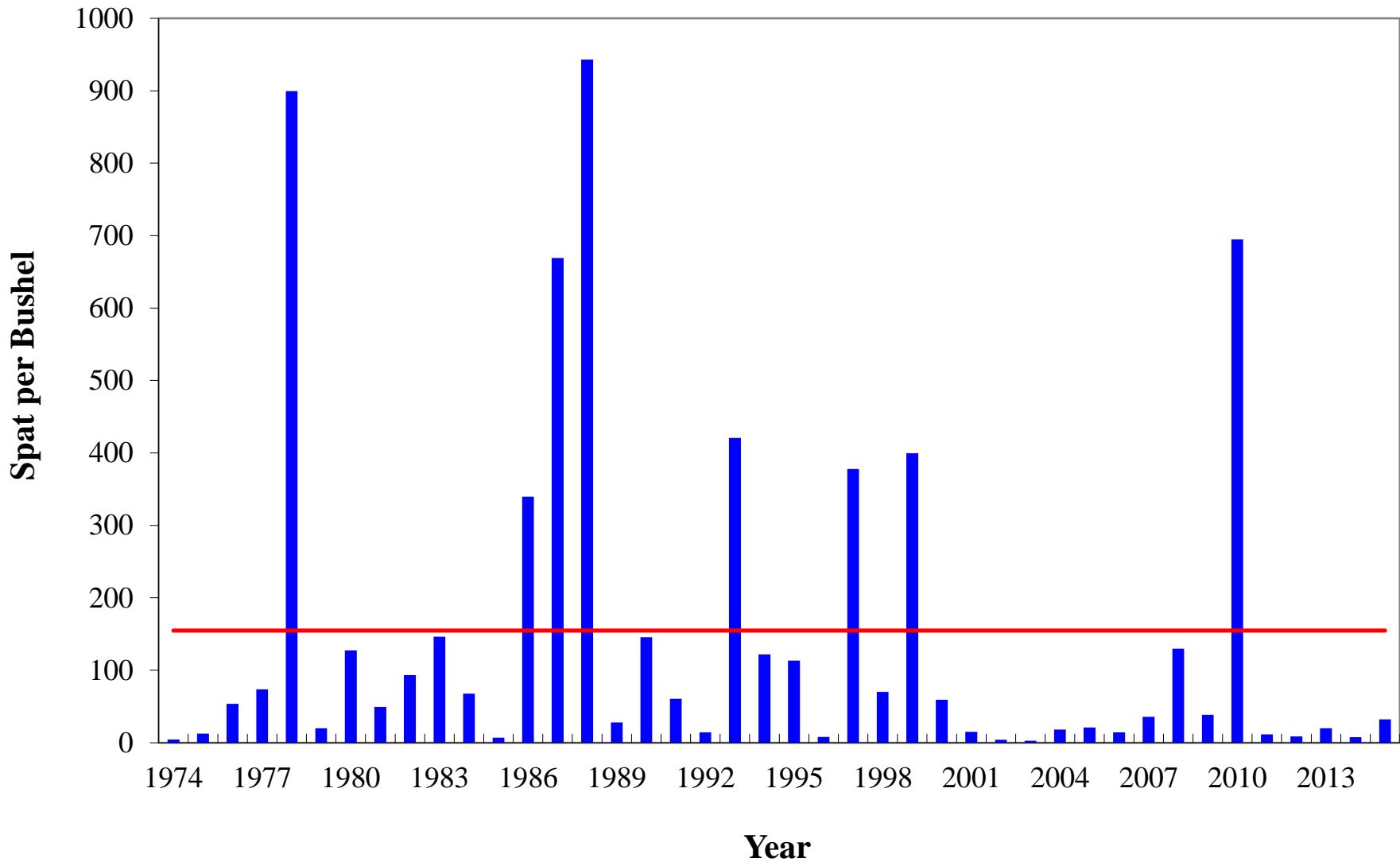
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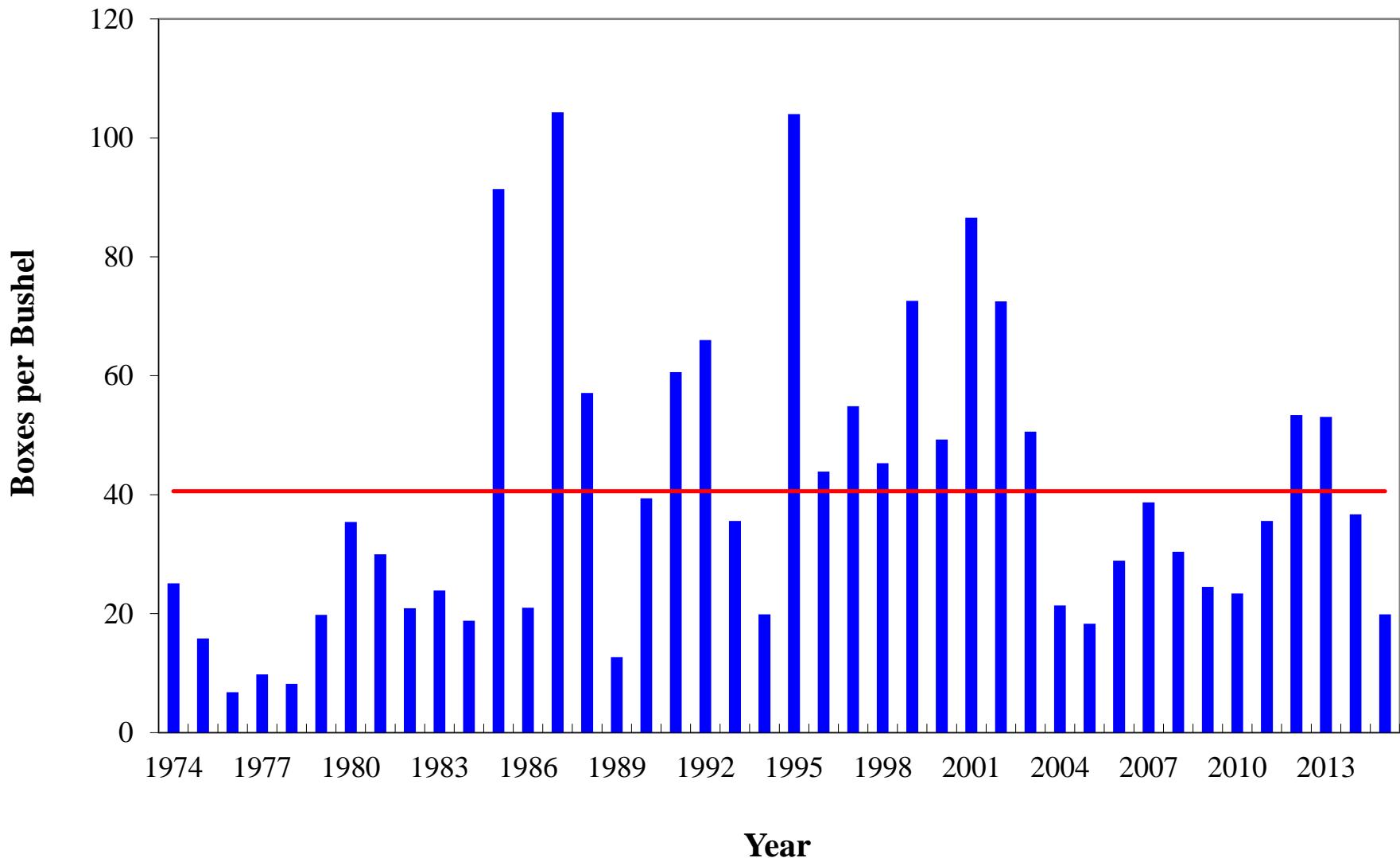
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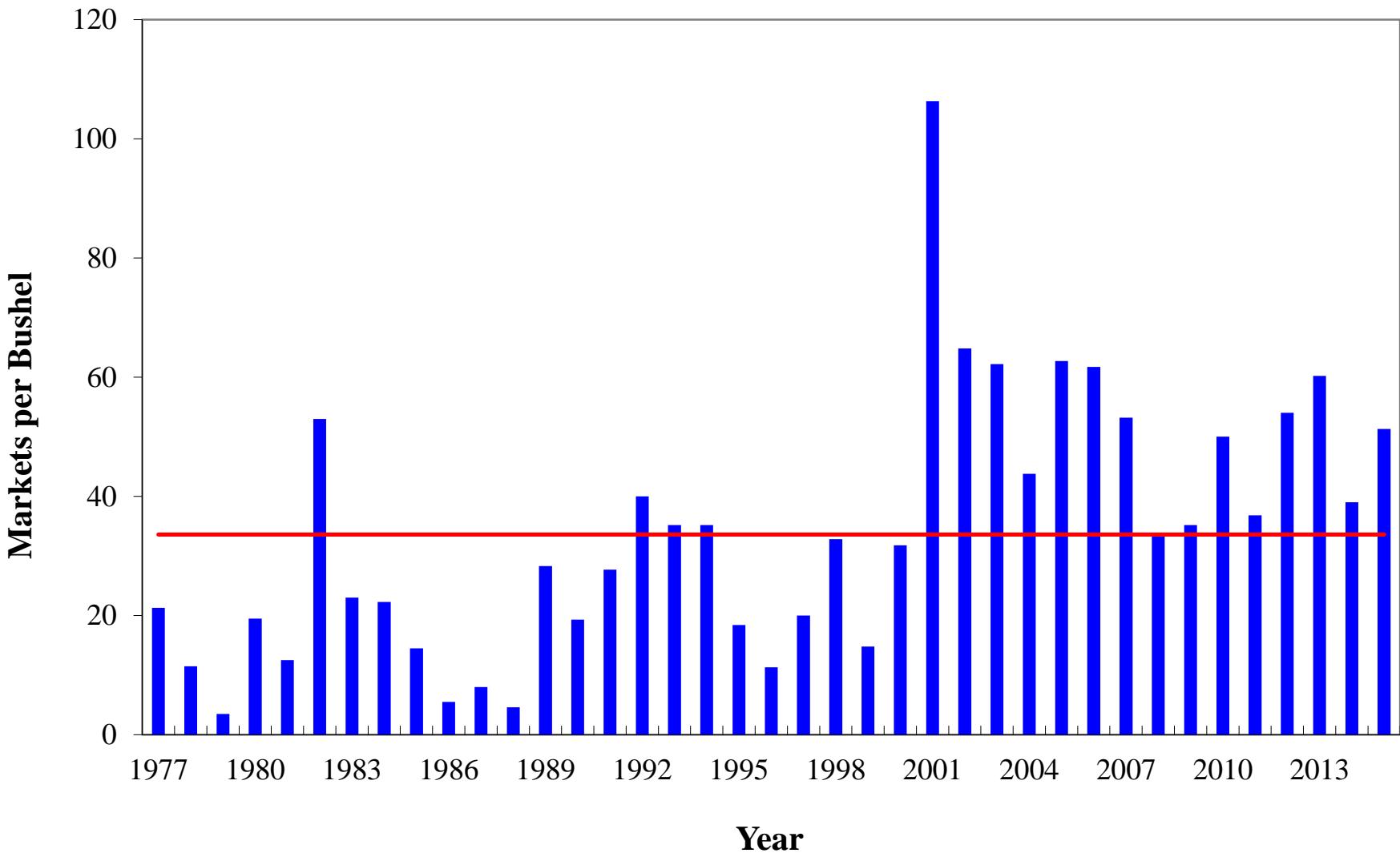
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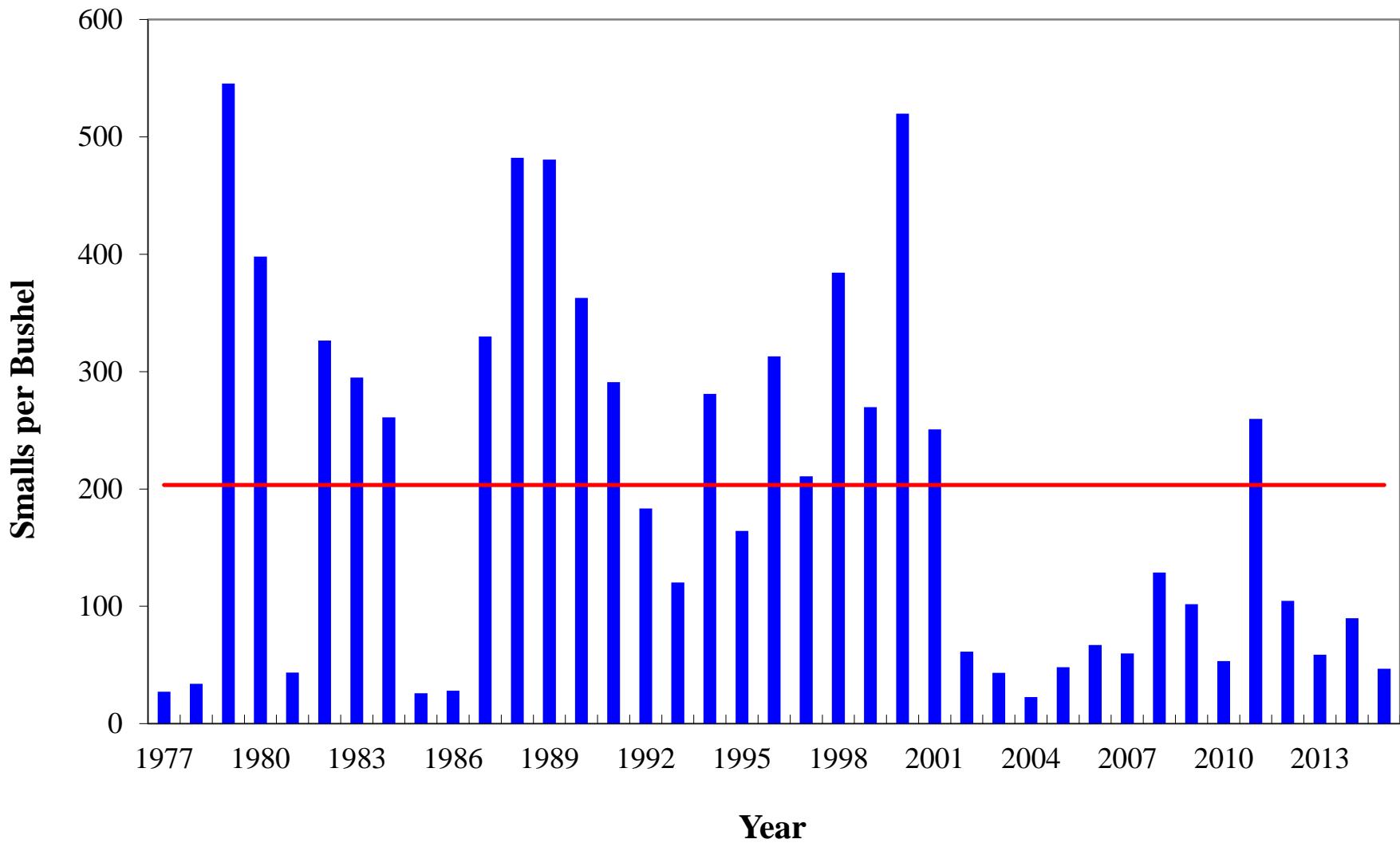
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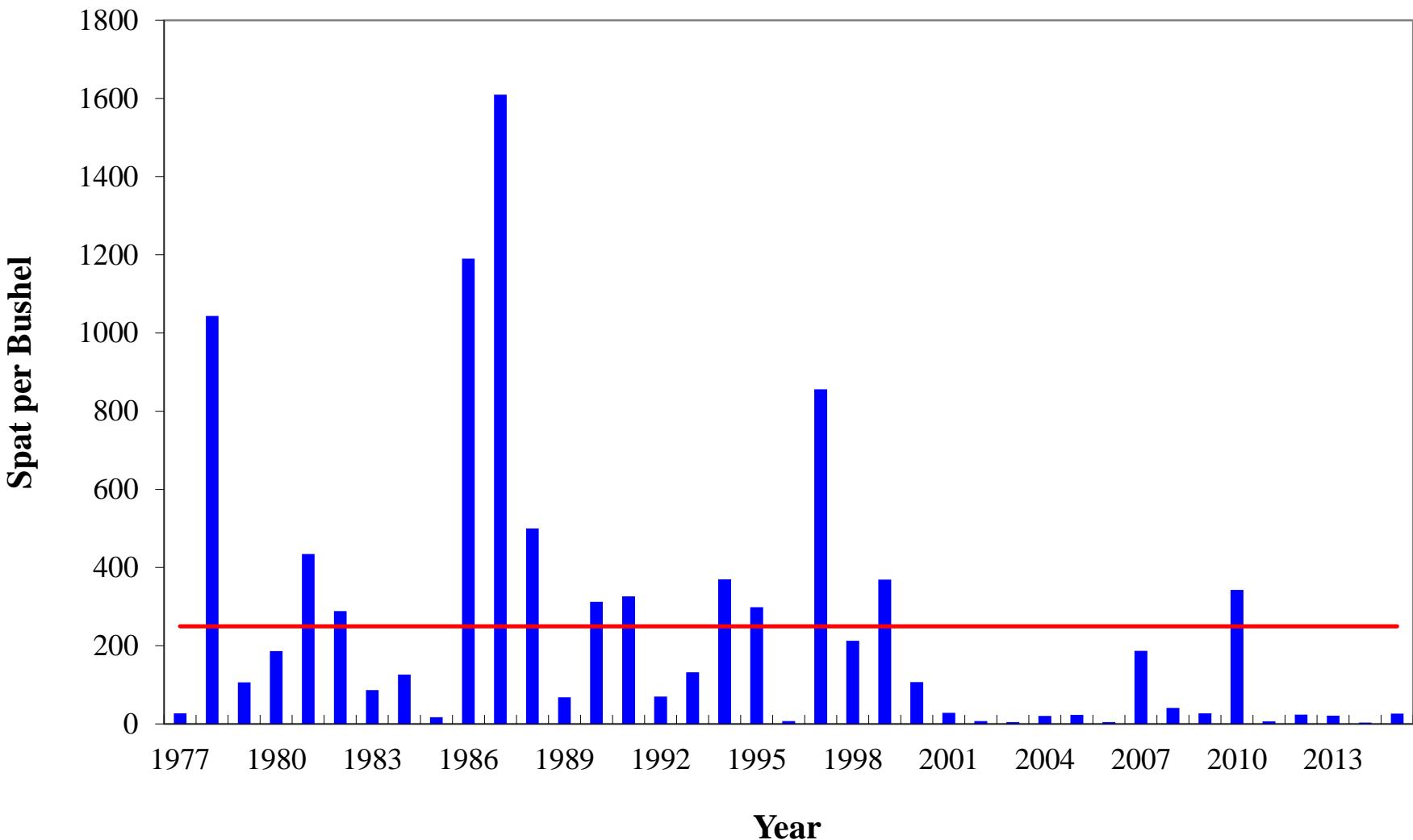
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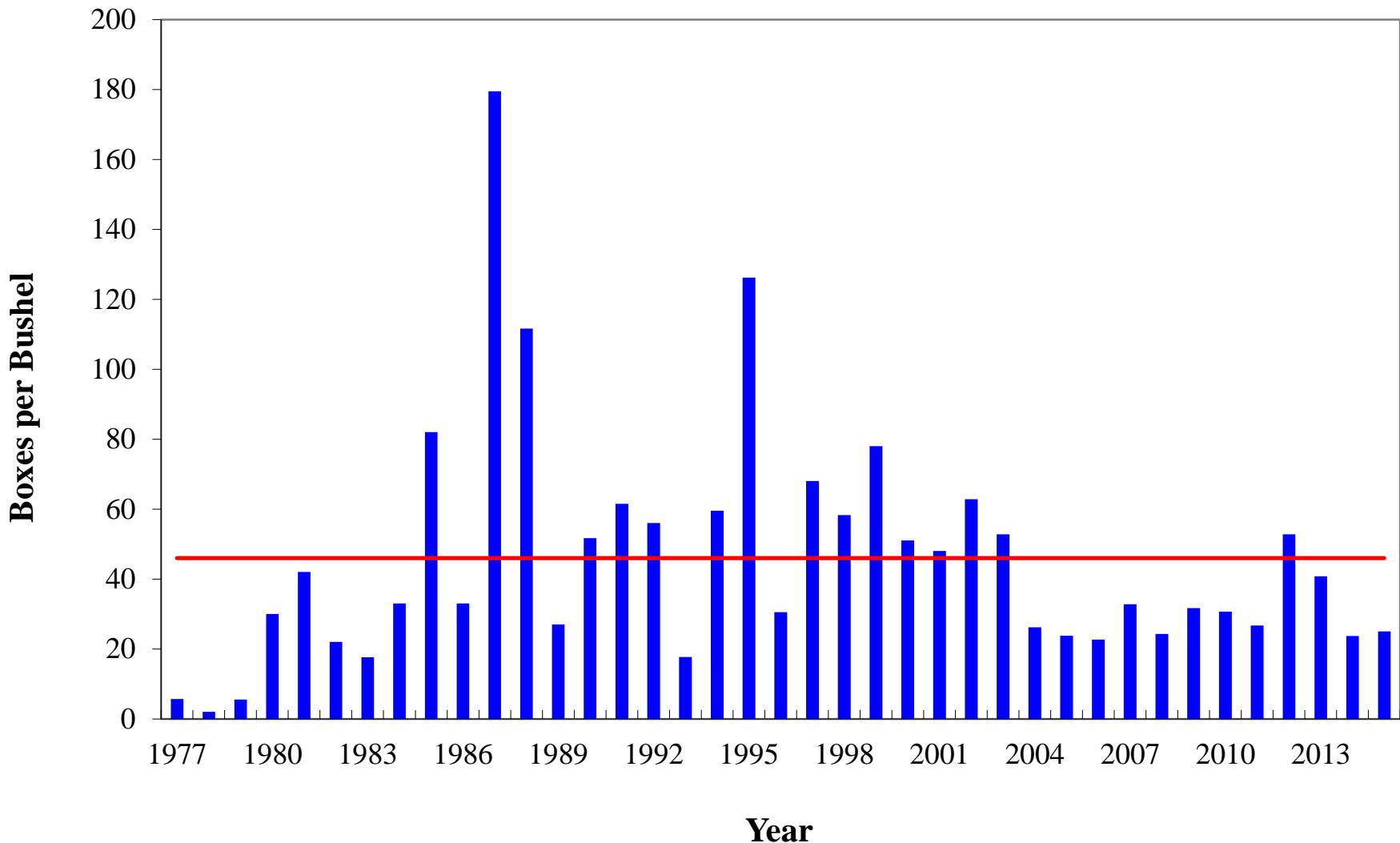
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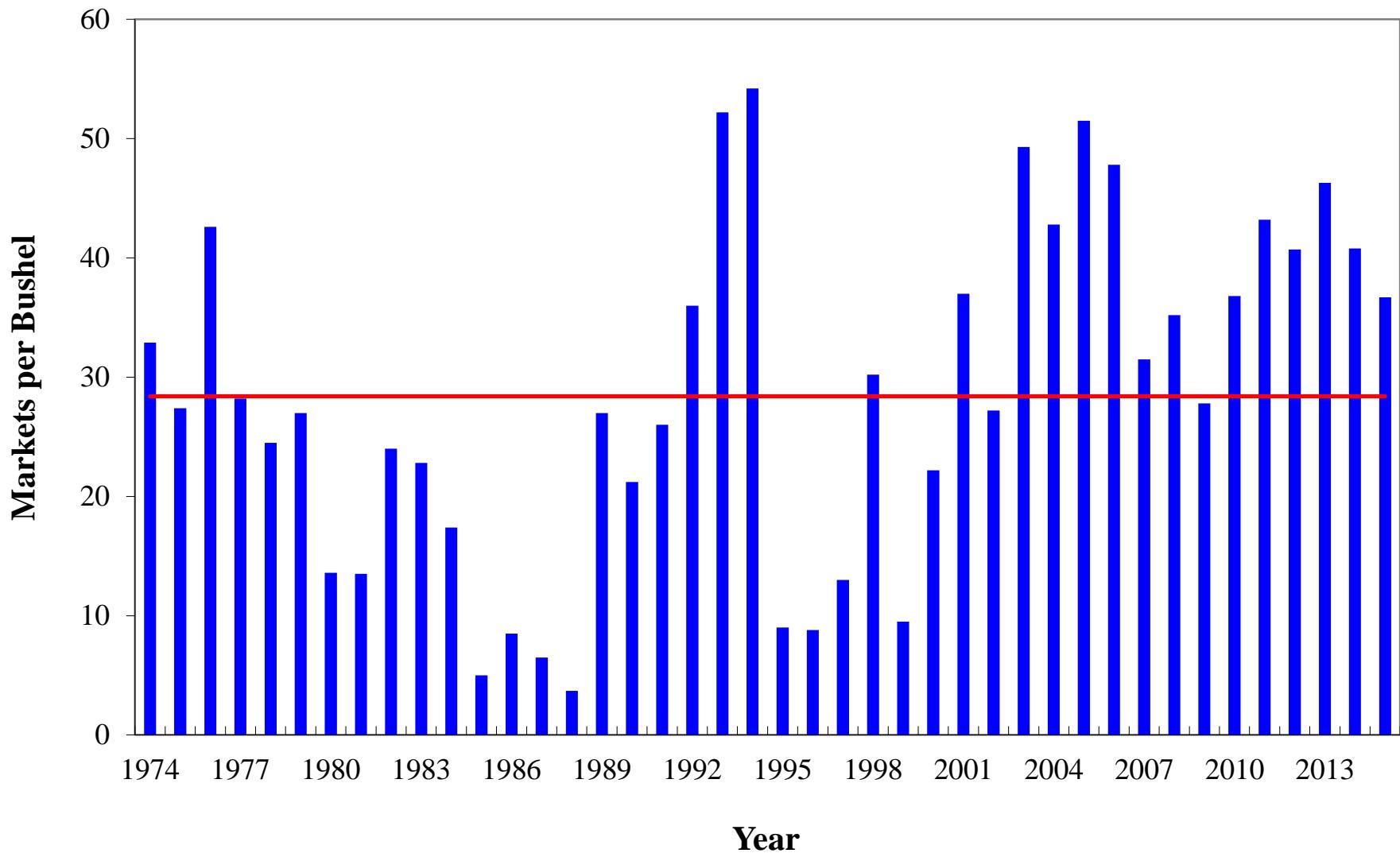
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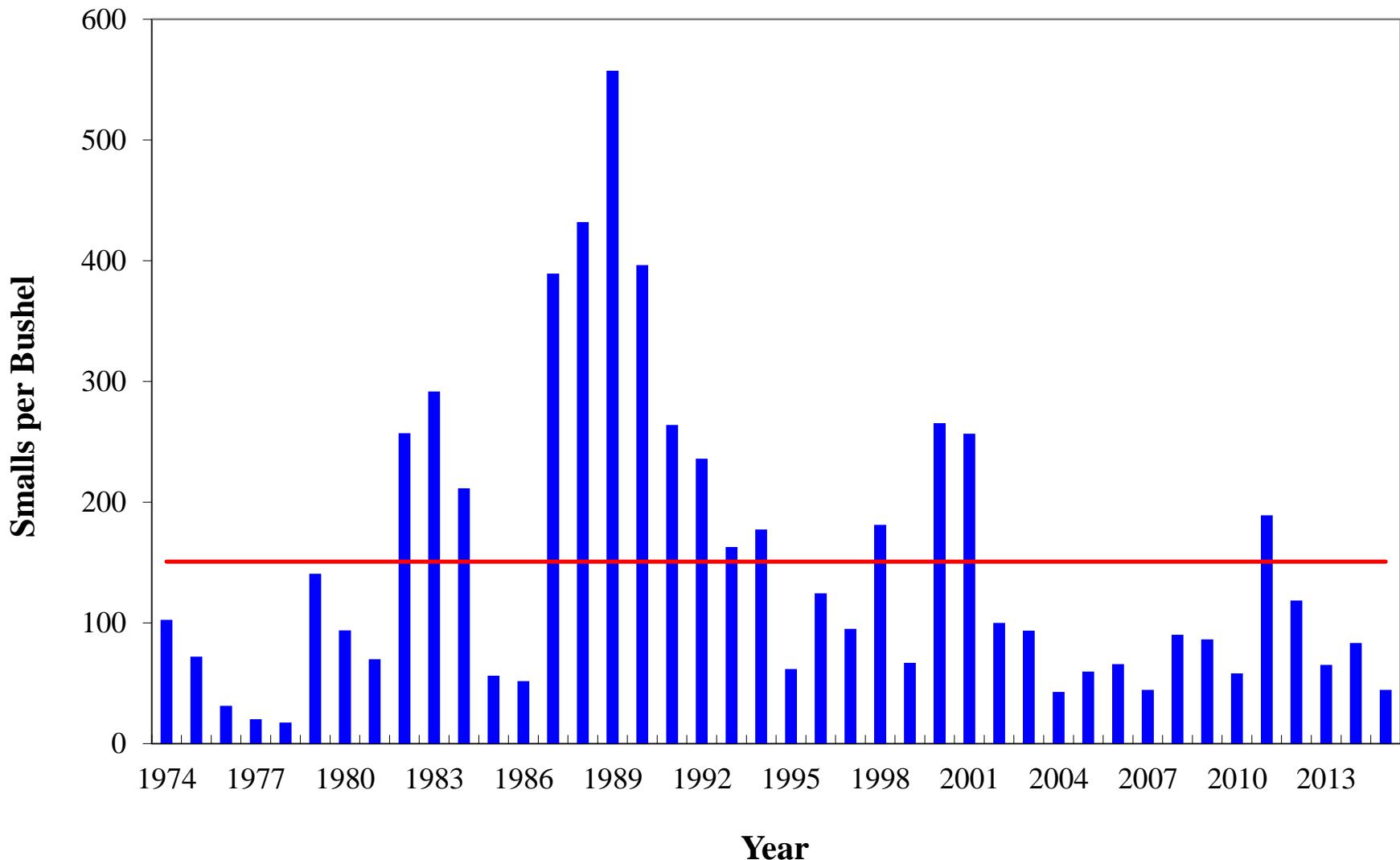
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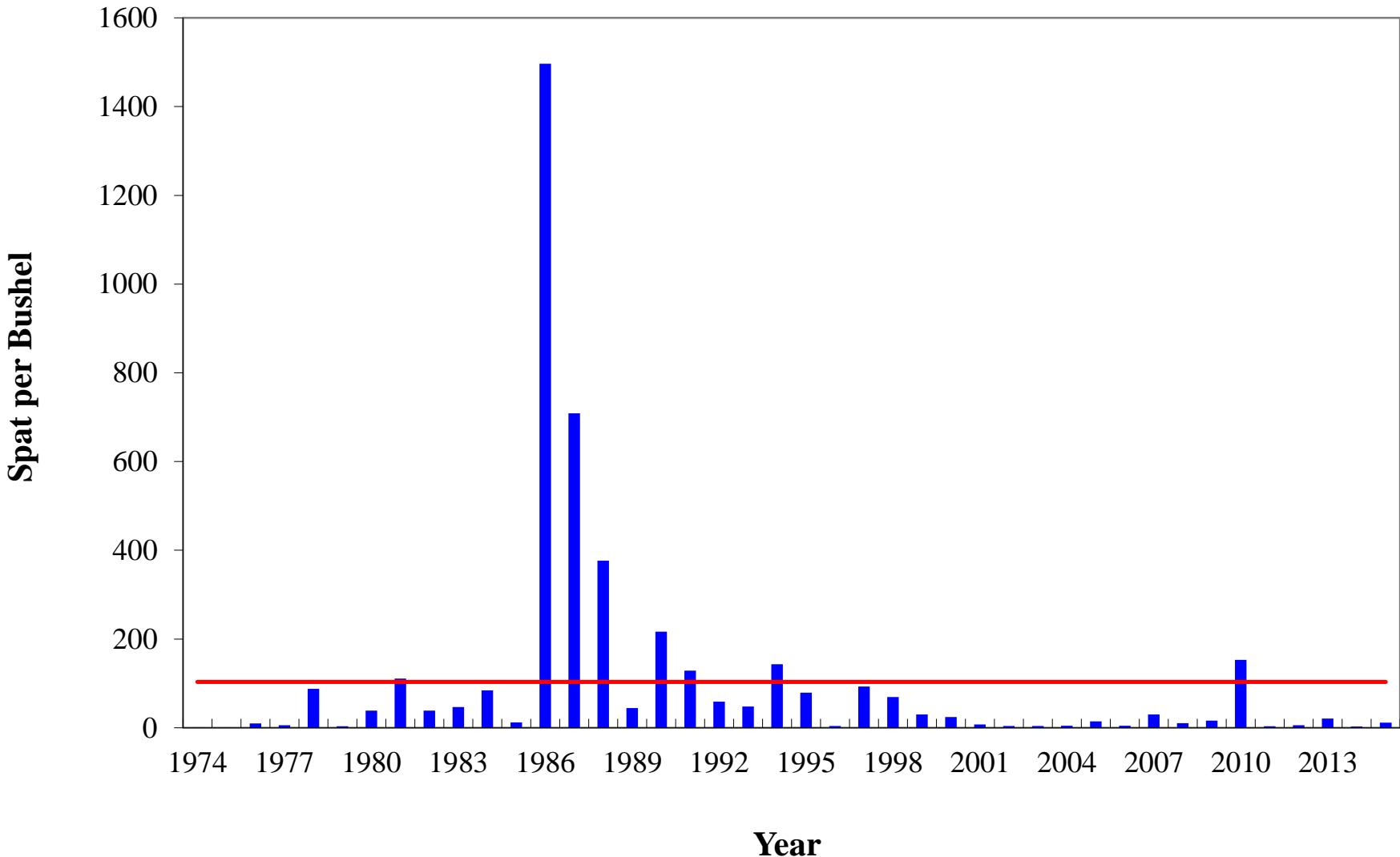
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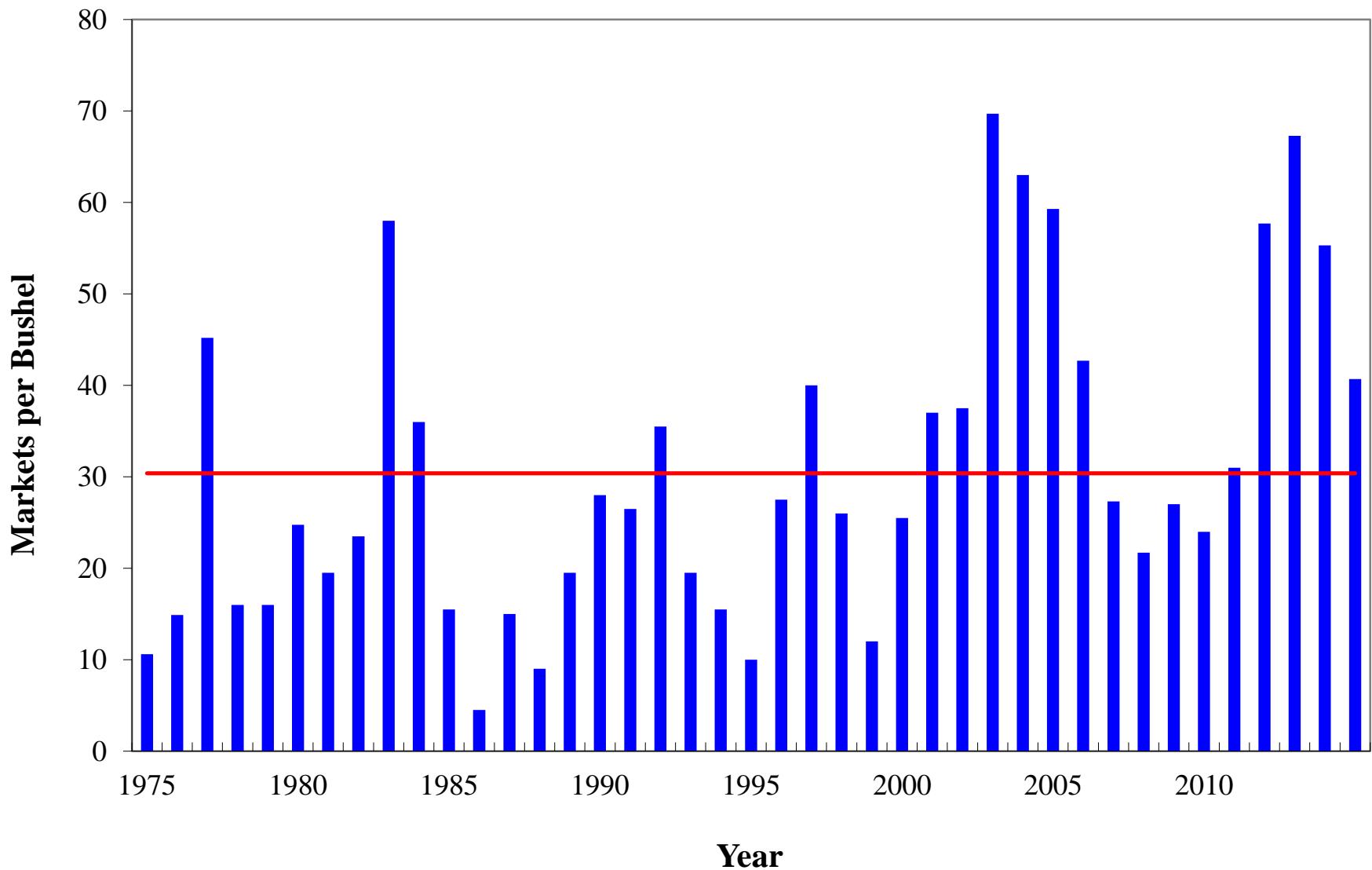
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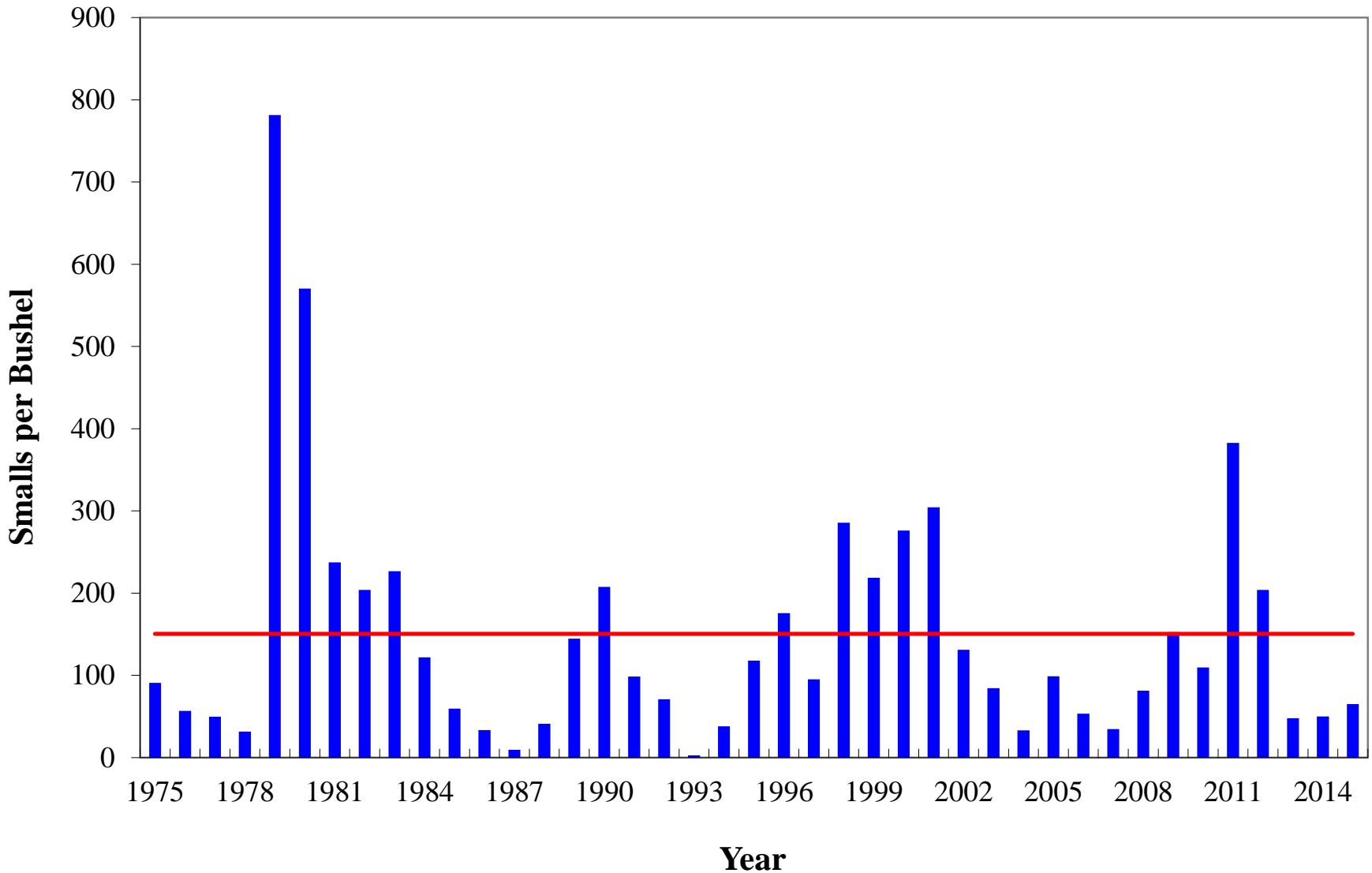
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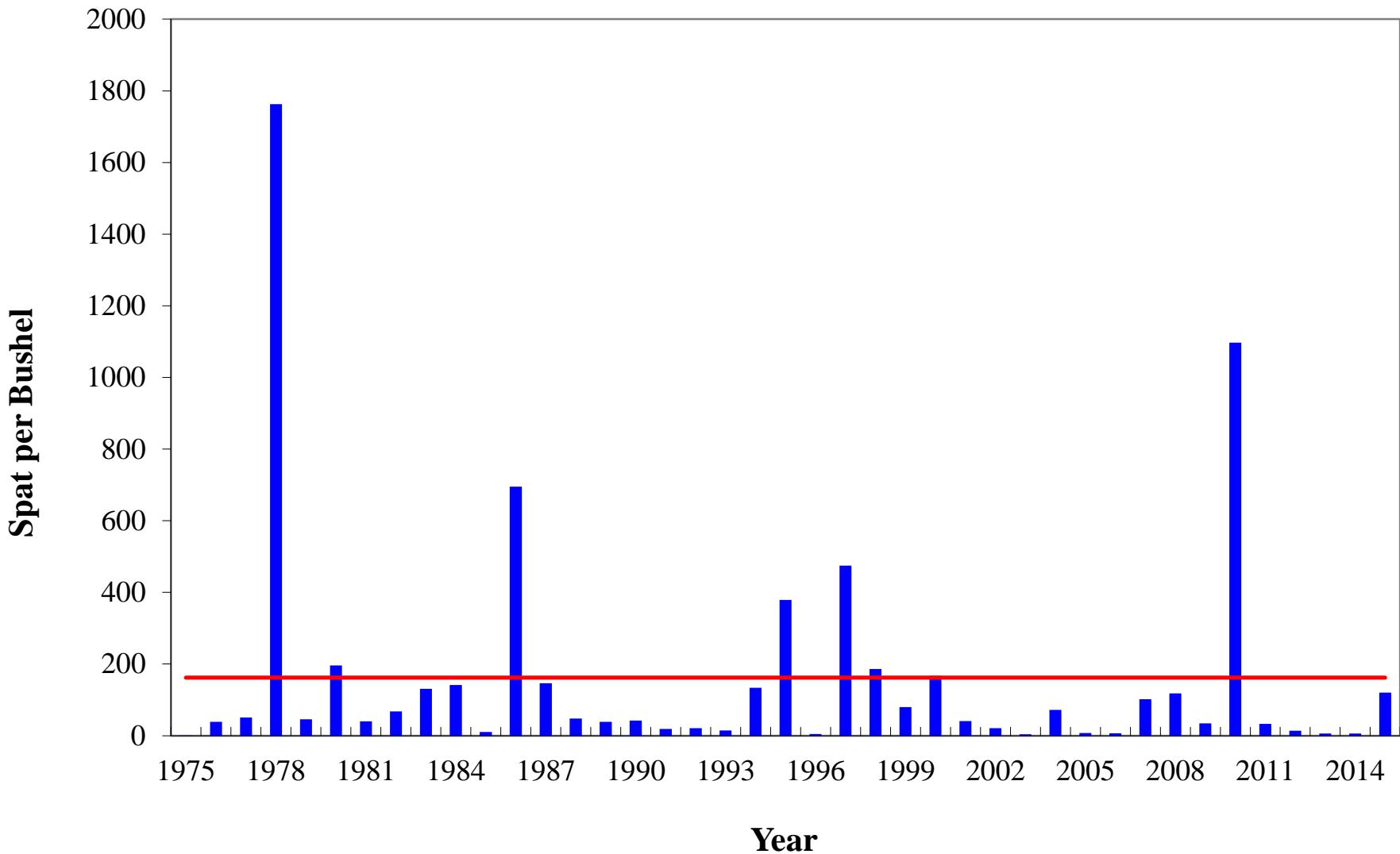
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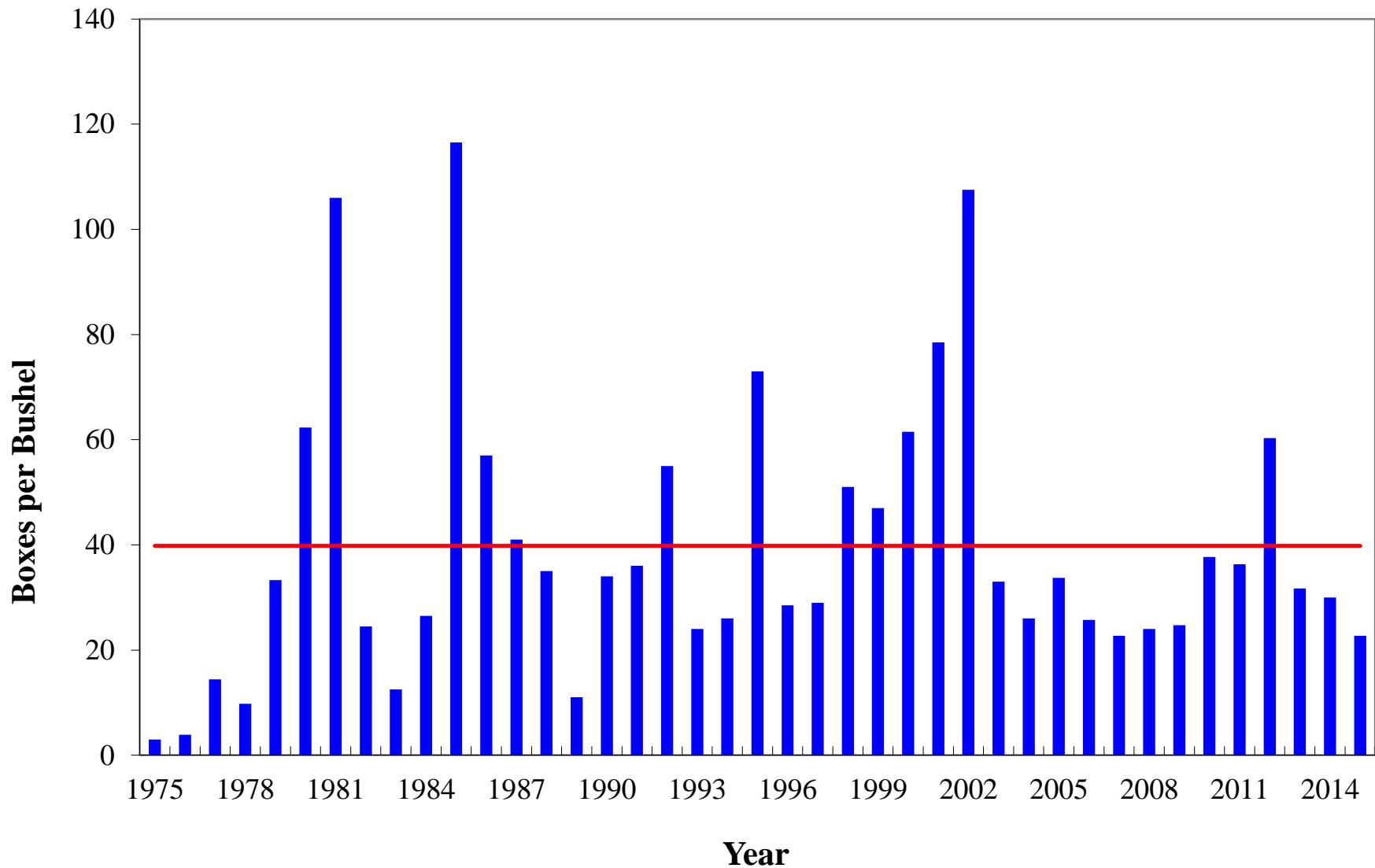
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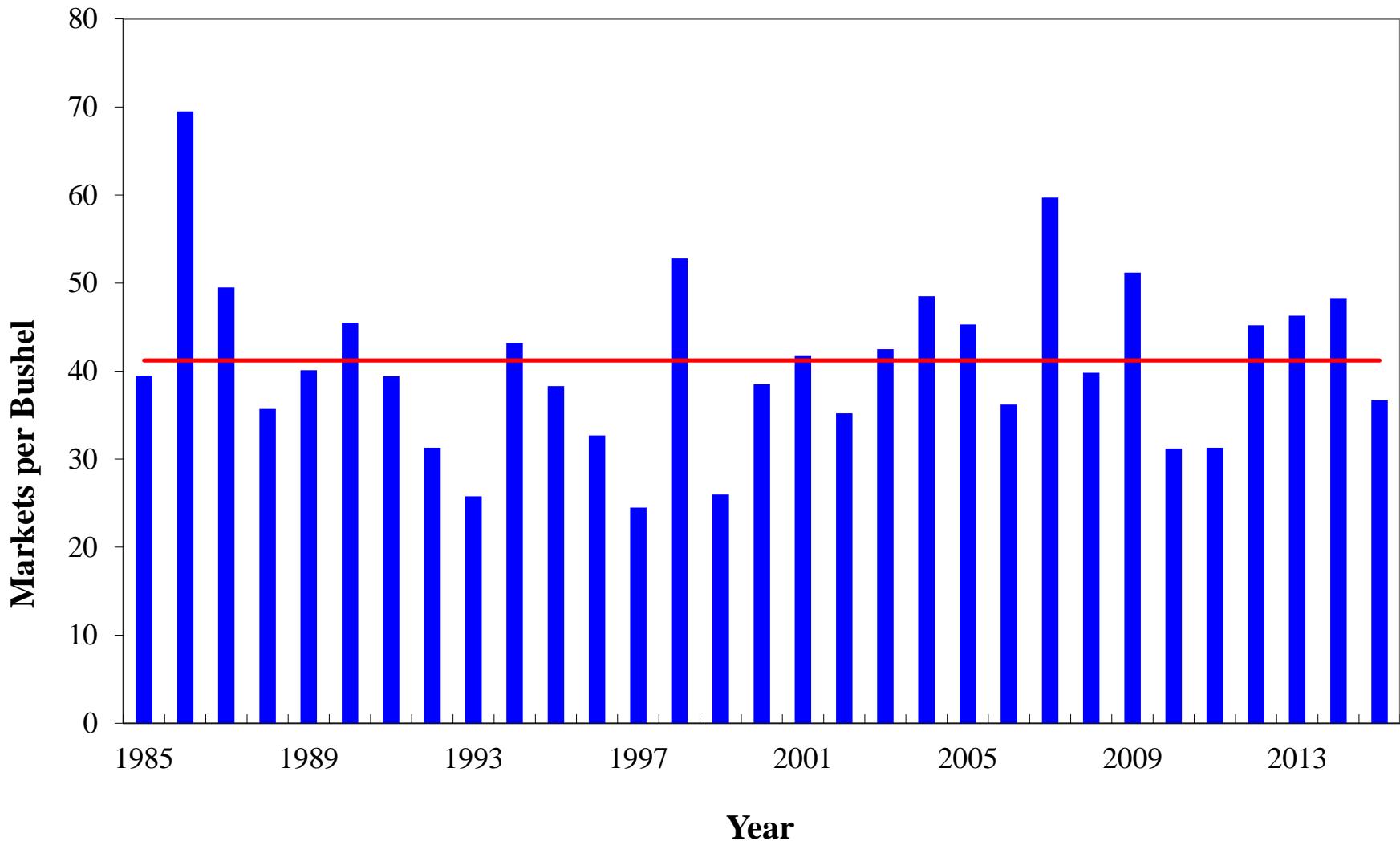
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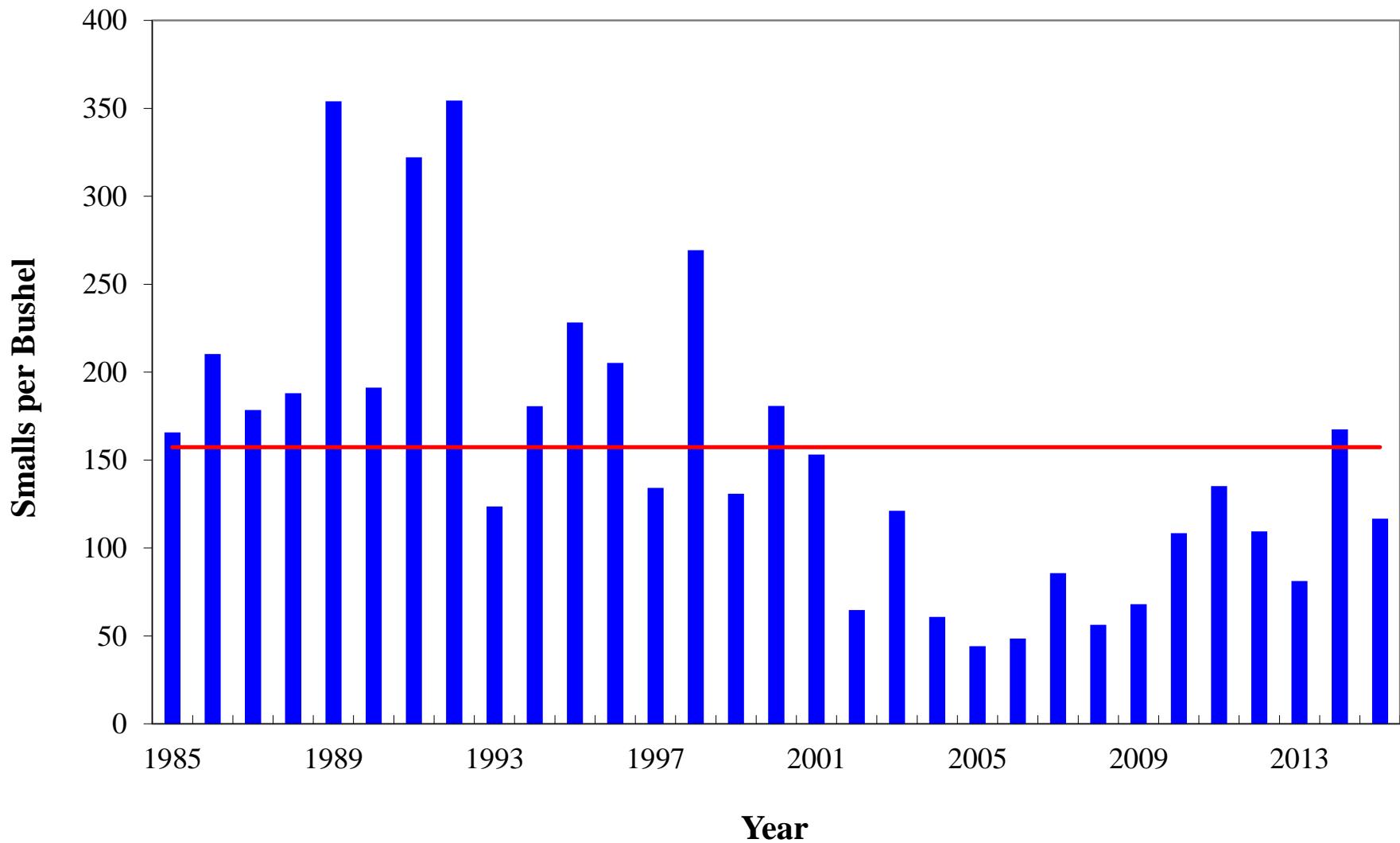
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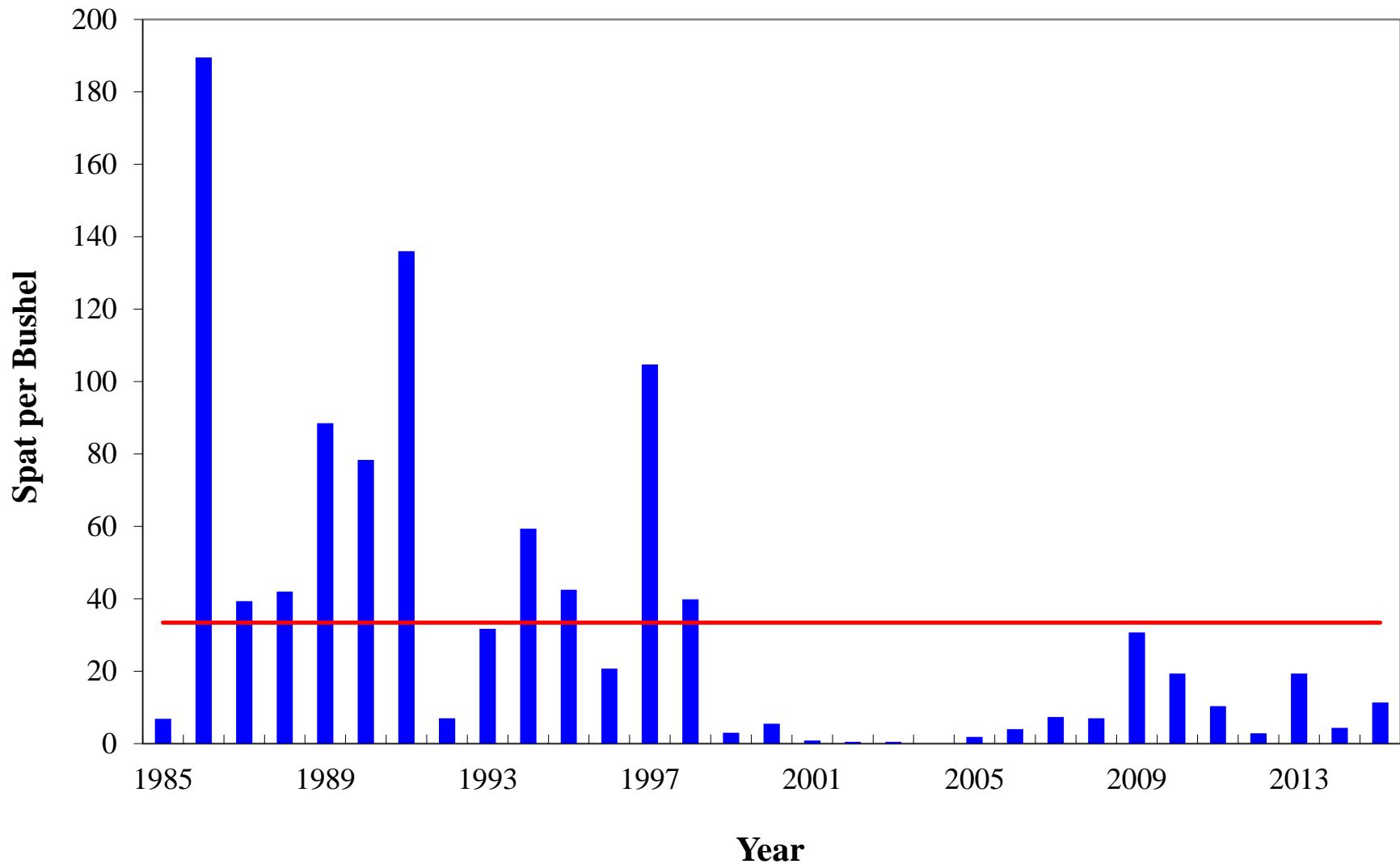
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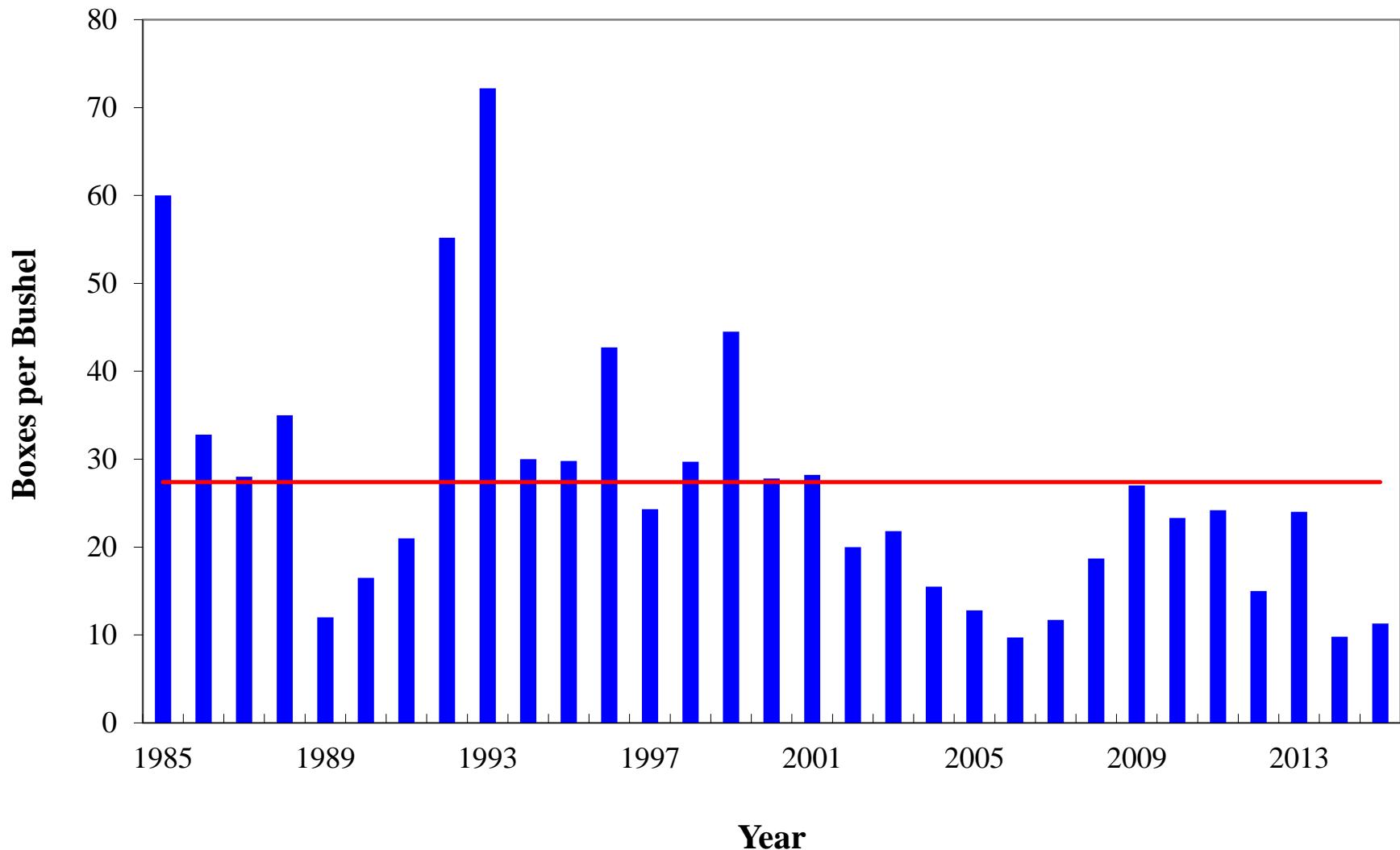
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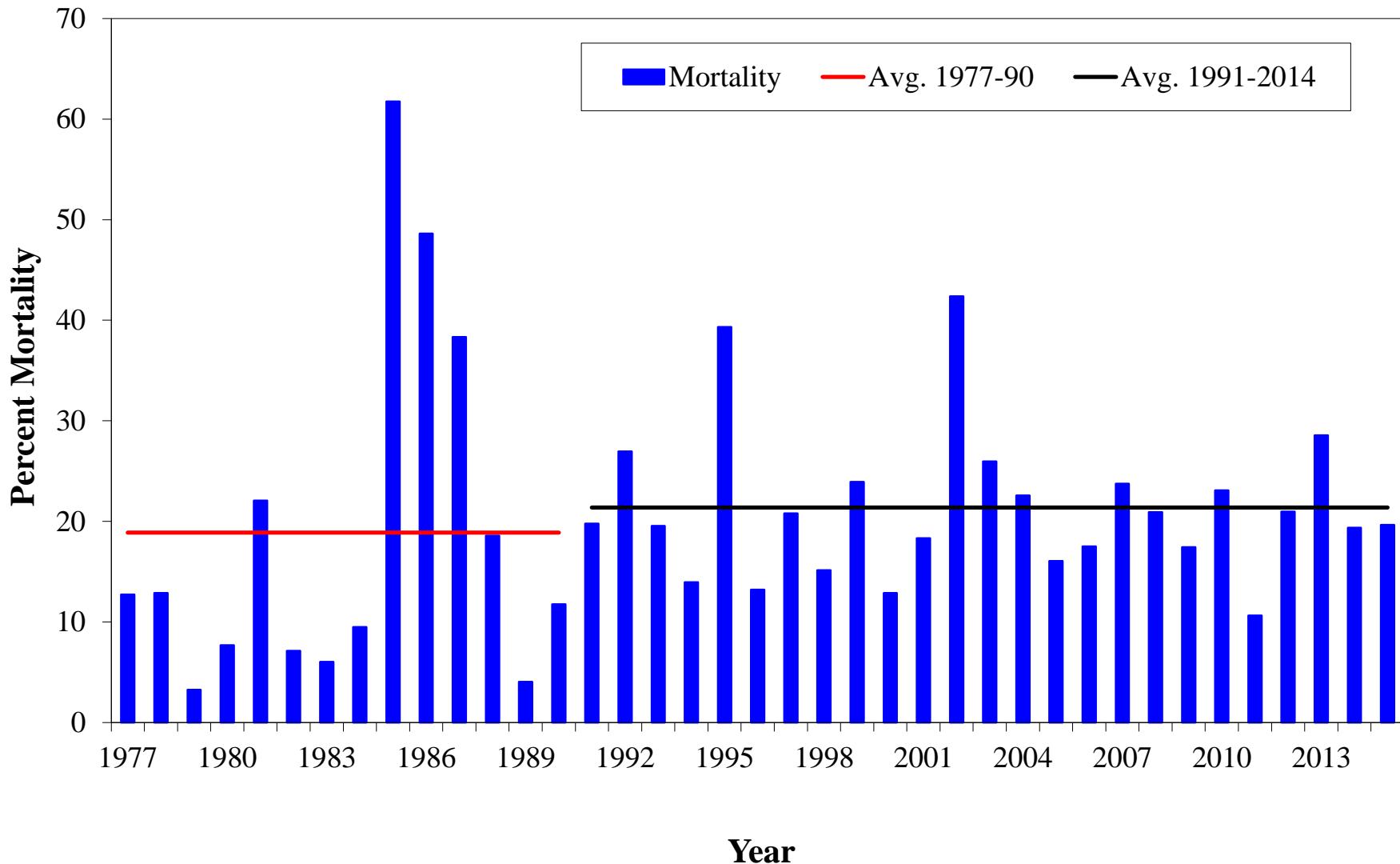
# Woodland Beach Spat per Bushel



# Woodland Beach Boxes per Bushel



## Average Annual Mortality (smalls + markets)

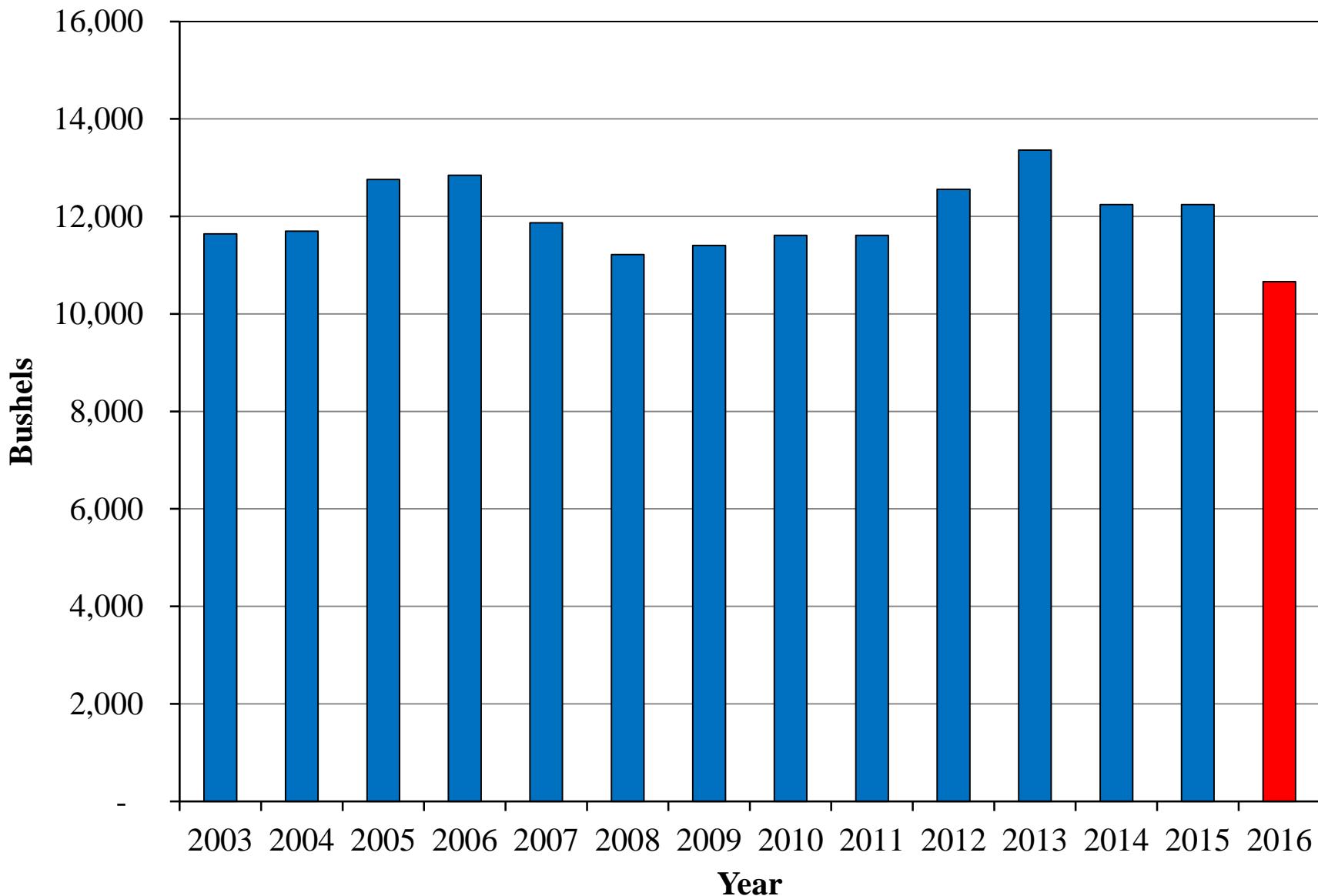


# Percentage of oysters greater than or equal to 2.75" and 3"

<b>Bed</b>	<b>% &gt; 2.75"</b>	<b>% &gt; 3"</b>
Ridge	74.49	60.95
Silver Bed	64.08	56.12
Over-the-Bar	78.26	68.63
Lower Middle	77.90	70.06
Drum Bed	65.85	60.98
<b>Average</b>	<b>72.12</b>	<b>63.35</b>

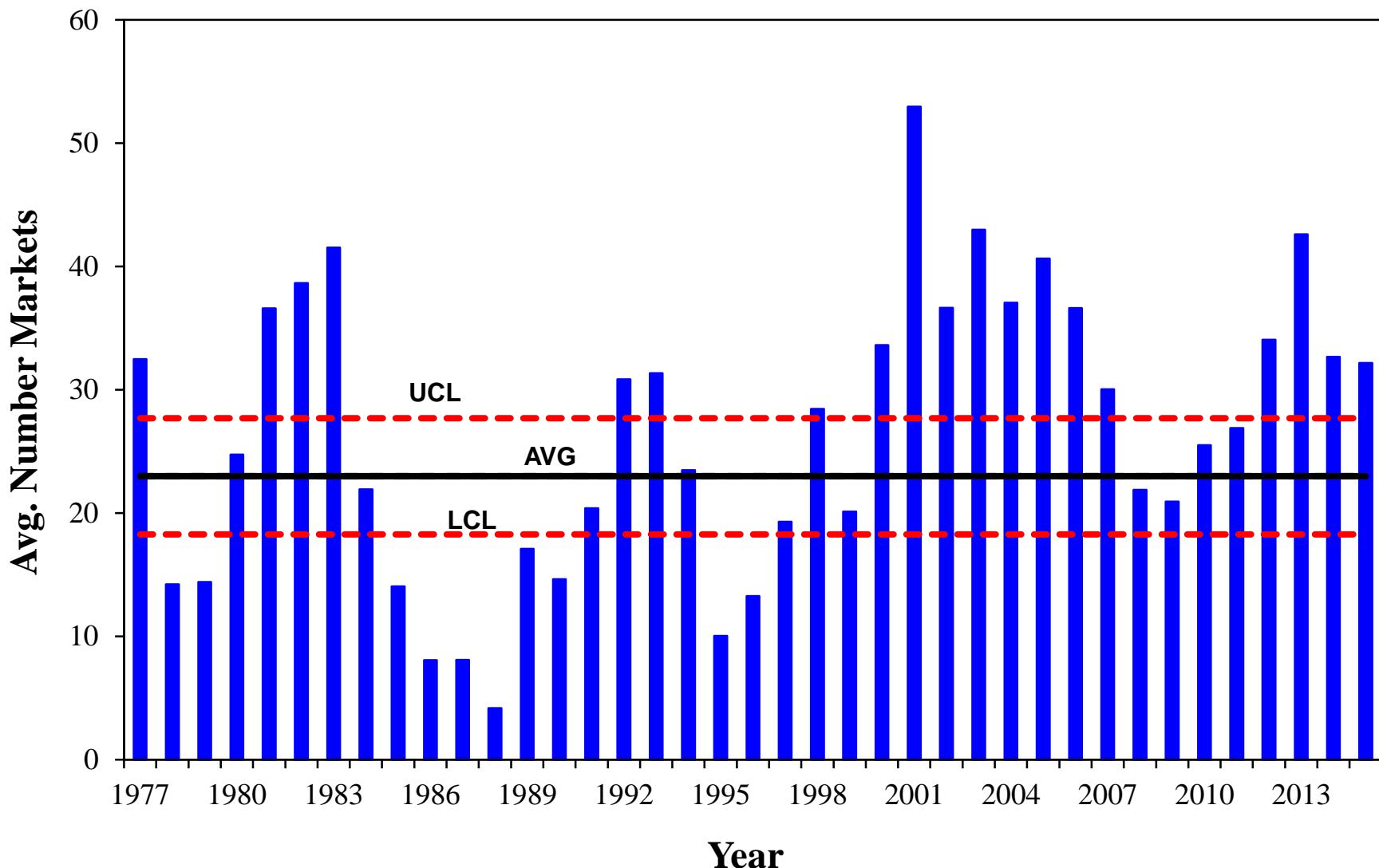
- Quota is based on the relationship between oyster harvest and the fall survey index from 1977-95.
- 2016 quota = 10,662 bushels

## Annual Quotas



# Pooled Average Number of Markets

(Upper C.I., Long-term Average (1977-2001), Lower C.I.)



**SEASON**

April 1 – May 31

Sep 1 – Dec 31

**QUOTA**

10,662 bushels